

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 7, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m.  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Joe Wuellner, Greg Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Ron Mayeur, Will Taylor Also present: Jim Kaminski, Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel

Tazewell County Court Administrator Courtney Moessner and Tazewell County HR Generalist Roger Workheiser attended the meeting asking the committee to consider additional handicapped parking spaces around the courthouse due to the recent changes in the handicapped parking laws. The new laws are much more restrictive and at this time there are only two parking spaces that are available for handicapped parking. They reported that, on average, six people a day use the handicapped entrance to the courthouse. It was noted that the handicapped entrance to the courthouse faces Elizabeth Street. The two parking spaces that are in place are along Elizabeth Street. They made a suggestion for an additional space to be located on Court Street between the driveway entrance for the McKenzie Building and the southeast corner of S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. They would like to see at least two more spaces designated for handicapped parking. The committee will take this under consideration and will address it as an agenda item at next month's meeting.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. *Traffic Signal at 10<sup>th</sup> and Court Street*

Will had asked about having the length of the green traffic signal on Court Street for traffic northbound on S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street increased to allow more traffic through the intersection. This had already been taken care of prior to this meeting.

2. *School Crossing Guard at Parkway and Willow*

Director of Finance and Operations of Pekin Public School District #108 Glayn Worrell was in attendance for this item. There is concern for the safety of the school crossing guard at this intersection. Patrol monitored this intersection every day last week. There was very minimal pedestrian traffic and no traffic violations during the times that the intersection was being monitored. This may have been due to the weather. Mike will work with him to look into the availability of grants to address traffic control in this location. Glayn will also check into assigning two crossing guards in this location.

3. *2-Way Street Sign on S. Capitol St.*

There was a request by a citizen to install a sign to alert drivers coming out of the library parking lot onto S. Capitol Street that S. Capitol Street is now 2-way in that location. The Street Department will look into installing a sign there.

4. *No Parking Signs on Stadium Drive*

Ptm. Ward requested that three "No Parking this Side of Street" signs be installed on the east side of Stadium Drive north of Dragon Hill. Stadium Drive is in the city code as no parking any time on both sides of the street.

## Around the Table

There was a last minute request regarding parking on Peoria Street near Derby Street. This will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Mike distributed a memo to the committee regarding narrow streets. There was discussion of how to proceed on this issue. Ron made a motion for the committee to make a presentation to City Council regarding narrow streets under the Communication, Petitions and Reports section of a council meeting. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was a general discussion of the effort by the Street Department and Police Department during the recent snow event involving the citywide parking ban. Ron thanked everyone for the way the city handled the snow event.

Kurt reported on the increase in traffic on Court Street in the area of Fire Station #1. Mike informed the committee that he is currently doing a study of that area of Court Street.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7, 2014 @ 8:30 A.M.**