

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DECEMBER 4, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Darin Girdler, Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor, Dennis Zimmerman.

Also present: Leigh Ann Brown, Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Motion by Kurt to approve the agenda, seconded by Bill. All in favor.

Motion by Mike to approve the November 6, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

*1. Downtown Traffic Light/Stop Signs*

*Court St. @ Capitol St. and Court St. @ S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.*

Mike distributed a document listing all the comments that had been received by city hall regarding the change to traffic control at these intersections. There were 22 comments in favor and 9 comments opposed. The positive comments indicated that traffic flows better and motorists have slowed down in this area. The negative comments listed no specific reasons.

Mike made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to remove the traffic signals at the intersections of Court St. @ Capitol St. and Court St. @ S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and permanently convert them to 4-way stop intersections. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

Mike made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to eliminate one parking space on Capitol St. at Court St. to move the bus loading area for CityLink 80 ft. back from the stop sign at that intersection. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

Upon approval by City Council, the traffic signals will be taken down. Decorative posts for the stop signs are on order. Stop signs can be double posted to create greater visibility.

*2. Status – Crosswalk – Broadway Rd. @ 20<sup>th</sup> St.*

Mike has drafted a letter to FHWA regarding installation of a button activated rapid flashing beacon signal at the pedestrian crosswalk on Broadway Rd. at 20<sup>th</sup> St. Studies indicate that there is 80% compliance with these signals in place. Mike will be meeting with Pekin Park District next Tuesday and will discuss them partnering with the City of Pekin for funding of this signal.

*3. Derby St. @ S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Diagonal Parking*

City Council has agreed that the diagonal parking should be eliminated in this location. This is a work in progress at this time. Darin is working with City Clerk, Sue McMillan to draft an ordinance.

## **New Business:**

### *1. Truck Route – Brenkman Dr.*

There was discussion of a citizen concern regarding truck traffic on Lakeshore Drive. The possibility of making Brenkman Dr. a truck route was discussed. After discussion, Will made a motion to leave the area as is at this time. Dennis seconded. All in favor.

### *2. Move Date of January Meeting Due to First Friday Being a Holiday*

Due to the first Friday in January being the New Year's Day holiday, the January, 2016 meeting is being moved to January 8, 2016.

### *3. Vogel Drive at Shopping Center Private Property*

Mike received a concern from James Kashock, of South Pekin regarding the lack of traffic control in the location where the end of Vogel Dr., the Steak N Shake entrance, the private road, and Wendy's entrance meet. It was noted that this area is not in the City's jurisdiction, rather it is a private road. Mr. Kashock asked that the committee discuss this and make a recommendation to the property owner. After discussion, it was decided to send a letter to Cullinan Properties letting them know of the concerns.

### *4. Pedestrian Crosswalks Downtown*

Leigh Ann Brown, Economic Development Coordinator, attended the meeting seeking improvements to and expansion of the crosswalks in the downtown business district to create a safer atmosphere for pedestrian traffic downtown. She presented a map indicating the locations where she is seeking consideration for both the update of current crosswalks located at the intersections and additional crosswalks in the downtown area, some of the proposed crosswalk locations are at the alleys and there are others located midblock on Court St. Through discussion it was noted that in order to safely implement midblock crosswalks the speed limit in that area of Court St. would need to be reduced to 15-20 mph. TIF funds could be used to update the intersections. The painted lines downtown will be updated this coming year as it has been two years since it has been done.

After discussion it was decided to further address this item as Old Business at the January, 2016 meeting. At that time Leigh Ann will present the initial list of crosswalks that she would like to see implemented. This request will include alleyway crosswalks for the alleys on either side of Court St. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St. as well as updates to all the current crosswalks. She was also asked to present a sample intersection with the type of markings to consider for the crosswalks.

### Around the Table

The citizen concern regarding the one-way alley sign at the Derby Street end of the alley between S. Fifth St. and Bacon St. is being addressed. The sign will be taken down as the one-way alleys have been eliminated.

Mike reported that VFW Rd. should be open by next Tuesday. He will issue a press release when it is open. Initially, the speed limit will be temporarily set at 45 mph.

Will made a suggestion to include Lee Scott, Parking Enforcement at meetings. When there are meetings that address parking issues, he will be asked to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2015 @ 8:30 A.M.**