

## Minutes of Traffic Commission

September 21, 2020

Members present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Feliciano, Mr. Daniels, Director of Public Works Bischoff, Safety Director Caryer, Assistant Law Director Mark Russell, Acting Chief Jay McDonald for Chief Collins

With a quorum present, Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Feliciano made a motion to approve minutes; Daniels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Thomas, Mr. Feliciano, Mr. Daniels, Director of Public Works Bischoff, Safety Director Caryer, Assistant Law Director Mark Russell, Acting Chief Jay McDonald for Chief Collins; Nays -- none

### **Minutes approved (7-0)**

#### **Old Business**

##### **Item 1. Discussion of traffic flow and parking on Main Street between Church and Center**

A conceptual plan was distributed to committee members by Mayor Schertzer. They are proposing one lane north and one lane south with increased diagonal parking on both sides. This applies only to the section of Main Street between Church and Center. This is a traffic planning effort to calm traffic flow and fits with the proposed DORA for the same area.

Mr. Bischoff reviewed map with committee as well as some special considerations/exceptions as designated on the conceptual plan. Semis are prohibited from this section of downtown already. South Main Street was never designed as a through-traffic for semis. Some parallel parking may remain and there are designated handicapped spaces. They can work with the light times, however any change to that light will affect other lights in downtown because they are set up to work together. Feliciano asked about time limits on parking spaces. There are no limits at this point, but it could be considered.

Daniels suggested a test period to see what the impact will be on traffic.

Caryer made a motion to advance change as indicated on plan to Council to be done by the earliest possible date that it can be coordinated with the engineer's office; McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Thomas, Mr. Feliciano, Mr. Daniels, Director of Public Works Bischoff, Safety Director Caryer, Assistant Law Director Mark Russell, Acting Chief Jay McDonald for Chief Collins; Nays -- none

### **Change recommended to Council (7-0)**

#### **New Business:**

##### **Item 1. Discussion of semi-truck traffic on Jefferson Street**

Mayor Schertzer said that this effort is to try to alleviate traffic issues related to farmer's semis lining up to unload grain at Bunge. They have looked at some options. They are asking council to allow them to try a couple of things to see what might work. They are considering limiting parking to 6PM-6AM only on west side of Jefferson from Center to the railroad tracks. There are options for parking off of alley behind houses on Jefferson, as well as driveways directly off of Jefferson. There is a stop sign at the intersection of Wilson and Jefferson. They are asking to temporarily remove stop sign on the north/south flow but have the stop on the east/west flow. They are looking at options to direct trucks to a northern route as well. The residents will be

Minutes of Traffic Commission

---

September 21, 2020

notified of changes. For the time being, they are asking for a trial run as they approach harvest. They will re-evaluate in December.

There is a proposed truck route for Bunge drivers, but it is not utilized by most drivers because of too many turns in semi.

Russell made a motion to advance change to Council (through 12/1/2020); Feliciano 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Thomas, Mr. Feliciano, Director of Public Works Bischoff, Safety Director Caryer, Assistant Law Director Mark Russell, Acting Chief Jay McDonald for Chief Collins; Nays -- Daniels

**Change recommended to Council (6-1)**

Law Director Russell will create required legislation for Council.

Other Items

Mr. Feliciano asked about light timing at the corner by the Harding Memorial. Bischoff agreed to follow up on concern,

There being no further business, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

---

Chairman Thomas

---

Clerk of Council