

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Turner, Tim Ekeberg Lawrence Saterfield, Albert Clement,
Suzanne Bolin, Daniel Pomerlee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lacy Kent

REPRESENTATIVES: Councilman Schipani; Street Superintendent Gene Palmer; Mountain
Home Police Lieutenant Humberto Fuentes Jr.

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Suzanne Bolin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2018 meeting. Tim Ekeberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School (HAWK System/Sidewalk Improvements)

Gene said that there is not a pedestrian crossing light planned for N. 6th East at Hacker. They will re-evaluate funding next year or see if the state will have any money to install one. Item closed.

4-Way Stop at E. 6th South and S. 18th East

Gene said that the city was willing to put a stop sign in on our side and then he spoke with the county and they said absolutely not. Without having their permission, he can't stop the traffic coming from our side. When 18th gets fixed the city and county are going to have to re-evaluate that road because it will become a larger thoroughfare. The county said that they didn't see anything wrong with the speeds going through there and it's still a rural route. Gene and Councilman Schipani agreed to speak to the county or the highway district once the 18th Street project is completed. They said that we would need to do a traffic study since traffic will likely increase. Item closed.

Visibility at Intersections

Tim is trying to figure out a logical way to identify visual obstructions without spending more money. He suggested that the Citizens on Patrol look for obstructions while they are out on patrol. The police department said that they would send an email out to all officers and have them be on the lookout and report any traffic hazards to Lt. Fuentes who would then forward the areas of concern to code enforcement. Councilman Schipani said that the city's app also had a spot to report such concerns. He also said that they budgeted more money for the 2019 budget to hire another code enforcement officer, although it may only be part-time, it will still be additional help to the current code enforcement officer who is constantly busy. Item closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Street Projects

Gene gave the following update:

- Street department is almost finished with the sidewalk project with URA on 3rd Street from Stardust Plaza to the Chamber of Commerce. They also did the Paul's side of the sidewalk across the street from The Stockyard.
- Salt is mixed and ready for the winter season.
- Pre-cursor work is completed on the S. 18th Street project and hopefully the state will begin the project in December and have it completed in May 2019. The road will be closed to thru traffic but open for residents and customers of head start and the check cashing business.
- 66% of the engineering is completed for the downtown plan. Once it is at 100% the full plan will go before the council again.
- Finished the city county joint project on Smith Road.
- Papa Murphy's road project is completed.
- Finished chip sealing on the city county joint project on Canyon Creek Road.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Tim asked if the state was going to paint "limit lines" at the streetlights. Gene said no, that what is painted is what will be there as that is the new design. Gene will continue to do them on the side streets.

Tim had questions about traffic monitors.

The homeowner's association purchased the traffic speed monitor that is on Urwin Street. Tim thought that there should be two speed limit signs, one going each direction, installed there as well. Gene said he would look at it.

Tim asked if the traffic safety committee could start getting a monthly report from the police department regarding how many traffic accidents happen each month in the city limits and how many citations were issued. Amy will arrange for a report to be given to the committee listing all accidents that occur on public property with the date, time, location, injury vs. non-injury and the number of vehicles involved.

There are no items for the October 2018 agenda. This meeting will be cancelled unless someone calls in and would like an item added to the agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Barbara Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Pomerlee seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2018 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS