MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Turner, Albert Clement, Suzanne Bolin, Daniel Pomerlee,

Lawrence Saterfield

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lacy Kent

REPRESENTATIVES: Street Superintendent Gene Palmer; Mountain Home Police Lieutenant

Russell Griggs

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Barbara Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting. Daniel Pomerlee seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

N. 6th East and E. 8th North Intersection

Lawrence is concerned about the intersection at N. 6th East and E. 8th North Street. He said that there have been complaints that there is poor visibility at the two way stop. There have been several close calls and the situation is made worse due to the curve of the road creating blind spots. There are also some parked vehicles that create a blind spot for individuals causing people to slowly inch out into the intersection and blocking the northbound lane trying to go southbound.

Lawrence asked if it was possible to send a recommendation to city council to install a four-way stop. Gene explained that intersection was already redesigned and engineered by a traffic safety engineer through the state-funded safety project that was completed in that location last year. The likelihood of a four-way stop being approved after already being studied by a traffic engineer is likely low, not to say that it can't be presented. Gene did say that the hedges have been trimmed much better lately perhaps as a result of a notice from code enforcement. Either way, they are much easier to see around lately.

Gene suggested that if the committee was willing to table the matter for a while and see what he is able to accomplish with additional projects in the near future perhaps that would help alleviate the issues. If it turns out that the road doesn't get repaired sooner rather than later and there is still a problem, then we can readdress it with additional data for a stronger case. Item closed for now.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Lawrence said that he has had some business owners reach out to him and asked who they need to speak with if they would like to purchase orange flags for pedestrians to carry while crossing the street for added visibility. Lawrence asked if the businesses purchased the flags is that something that the city is willing to do, or do they have to go through city council. Gene told him that he would have to contact Carl Vaughn

with ITD as that is a state road and the state would have to approve the use of them and Carl could get him into contact with the right people at the state level. Lawrence said they would be a great tool for the 300 block of N. 2nd East and during the farmer's market on Saturday mornings.

Gene discussed possible options for the future designated truck route. He also gave updates on all the projects throughout the city.

The July meeting has been cancelled and the committee will resume with the regularly scheduled August 14, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Daniel Pomerlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Turner seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 14, 2019 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS