

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw City Police Department. **Voting members in attendance were: Joel Beam, Cindy Dobbins, Dirk Felger, Mike Klondaris, and Kip Shuter.** Members not in attendance were: Steve Foster and Dan Robinson. Ex-Officio members in attendance were: Scott Whitaker, Jeff Beeler, and James Emans. Also in attendance was Jennifer Peryam (Times-Union), Deb Patterson (Ink Free News), and Jen Pyle (Chamber of Commerce).

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting were approved. Mike Klondaris made motion seconded by Joel Beam.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Market Street Update:** James Emans provided an update on Market Street advising that utility work will continue through this month. The contractor will be working between Bronson and Colfax. Short closures may be necessary and Central Dispatch will be called when these occur. He heard a complaint this morning that a special needs bus could not get to Jefferson Street for a pickup. He will provide Kip Shuter a weekly update so school transportation can be notified.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Alley Intersection Signage:** Kip Shuter handed out a 3 page document that shows ordinances for stop signs in alleys (attached). He advised that we have multiple locations that have stop signs in alleys with no ordinance or documentation to support the placement of the signs, some of which are posted improperly per the MUTCD. Many of the signs were posted due to visibility issues and building obstructions. Current law regulates max speed in the an alley of 15 miles per hour and also regulates operation at the intersection, that requires a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle approaching that is within the intersection or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard. The street department will begin an inventory and evaluate and return to traffic commission with recommendations.
2. **Signalization Upgrades / Battery Backup:** Jeff Beeler reported the City signal maintainer recommends upgrading two (2) signalized intersections a year with a battery backup system that will continue to operate the signal for two (2) hours in cycle mode, or 24 hours in flash mode when power is lost. Cost per unit is approximately \$6,000. He will start next year with the intersections of Center/Parker/Argonne and Center/Eastlake.
3. **Railroad Approaches:** Jeff Beeler reported that the City has received a grant to place new railroad crossing signs and marking in approach of all railroad crossings in the city. The reimbursement grant is for \$27,000.
4. **Pavement Markings:** Jeff Beeler reported that his department will begin remarking roads in the next few weeks. He advised that this will be throughout the city and a rotation is being created to keep the markings visible.

5. **Bell Drive (Biomet speed sign):** Councilman Klondaris pointed out that a permanent electronic radar speed sign has been placed outside of Biomet on Bell Drive. He inquired if the city could do something along these lines.
6. **Do Not Block Intersection:** Councilman Klondaris thanked INDOT for placing the “Do Not Block Intersection” signs at Detroit and Market, but indicated that people are not obeying them. He advised that Detroit and Winona needs the signs also.
7. **Bikes on Sidewalks:** Councilman Klondaris reported that several times recently he has observed bicycles riding on the sidewalks downtown. He almost got hit by one coming out a door adjacent to the sidewalk. He requested a sign but enforcement and education would be the best deterrent. Lt. Beam will notify patrol officers to watch for bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks in the downtown business district. Kip Shuter will advise that Ride-Walk Advisory Committee to possible do some education with news articles, etc.

The next regular scheduled meeting is June 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Kip Shuter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kip L. Shuter