

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Warsaw City Hall Council Chambers. **Voting members in attendance were Steve Foster, Connie Fribley, Jack Wilhite, Jeremy Skinner, Sgt. Lewis Fuller, and Cindy Dobbins.** Also, in attendance was Lasca Randels (Ink Free News) and Dan Spalding (Times Union).

Steve Foster called the meeting to order.

ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A motion was made by Steve Foster to nominate Captain Joel Beam as secretary of the Traffic Commission. It was seconded by Jack Wilhite; approved unanimously with no oppositions.
2. A motion was also made to approve the minutes of the December 2018 meeting by Jeremy Skinner; seconded by Connie Fribley with no oppositions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. At the December 2018 meeting, Kim Hart was concerned with the Main and Bronson Street intersection in terms of traffic. A study has since been conducted after construction was done in the area. Steve Foster advised he did not see anything that would warrant any change to the intersection. The numbers on Main Street were five times the number of cars traveling westbound on Main as you had going across on Bronson Street. Accident stats were reviewed; however, nothing in the history indicated any concern. The fence at the northeast corner was in question; however, that is permitted. This area will continue to be monitored periodically.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding traffic control in the newly annexed areas will be ongoing. Steve Foster asked the Traffic Commission if they would allow him, Jeremy Skinner, and Captain Joel Beam to discuss and submit a list to the city attorney for an ordinance and all agreed. All the stop signs listed are existing traffic control in those areas. Nothing is changed or added just pulling the county ordinances into a city ordinance.
2. Captain Beam stated complaints are received from time to time for the Traffic Commission to review an area. He added not everything is always Traffic Commission oriented. There were two complaints on Glad and Flora Streets. The first complaint was when school was dismissing, drivers were turning right and traveling west on Glad Street up to Husky Trail and then blocking the intersection so residents could not exit their driveways. The school put in a "No right turn" at Glad and Flora Streets but that is not a city sign. Steve Foster spent time in the area in the mornings and afternoons and at no time while he was there was there more than two vehicles at the roundabout.

Another issue of concern was vehicles not stopping at Glad and Flora Streets and that parents were dropping their children off and not stopping at the stop sign. WPD's day and evening shift officers have investigated that complaint. Officers have advised there is some validity to that complaint and several vehicles were stopped. WPD is making their presence known in the area. It is a traffic related issue but not necessarily a Traffic Commission related issue at this point.

Additionally, there was some concern on Winona Avenue, near South Columbia Street, that vehicles were speeding. It was found the average speed was 28 in a 30-mph zone. The 85th