

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, April 10, 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, Captain Joel Beam, Sgt. Lewis Fuller, Jeff Beeler, David Robertson, and Cindy Dobbins.** Also, in attendance was Mayor Joe Thallemer, Chief Scott D. Whitaker, Officer Lucas Vander Hart, David Slone (Times Union) and Dan Spalding (Ink Free News).

Steve Foster called the meeting to order.

ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 2019 meeting by Connie Fribley; seconded by Jack Wilhite with no oppositions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The traffic control plans in the newly annexed areas have been sent to the city attorney. There will be other matters for discussion in the future such as speed limits, etc. Discussion will take place with Jeff Beeler reference distances and how that should be handled before it is brought before the traffic commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Left hand turns at Canal and Detroit Street** - Captain Joel Beam informed there was an oversight on the "NO LEFT TURN" on Canal Street at Detroit Street. The intersection is constructed in a way that traffic must drive south from that intersection. Captain Beam added turning left can be unsafe when it's busy, especially during concerts when there are thousands of people in that area. He stated a "NO LEFT TURN" at Canal and Detroit Street needs to be put into ordinance. Steve Foster made the motion to restrict the eastbound traffic to a southbound right hand turn only at Canal onto Detroit Street; seconded by Cindy Dobbins with no oppositions.
2. **Zimmer Biomet request for speed bumps** – Jeremy Skinner advised Zimmer Biomet has requested speed bumps on Bell Drive primarily during construction of the city installing a sewer line. He stated it may not be beneficial because the speed bumps would be torn out by the construction in the very near future. Jeremy advised fencing has been installed for safety and employees are funneled to the crosswalks. However, since Zimmer Biomet has requested the speed bumps, he wanted to bring it before the Traffic Commission for review.

Mayor Thallemer asked when the construction was completed, did Zimmer Biomet want the speed bumps to remain. Jeremy advised they did not request speed bumps permanently. He further stated the construction is currently running the sanitary sewer up Rainbow and the next phase will be right in front of Zimmer Biomet. Within a month, any speed bumps would be torn out. Cindy Dobbins asked if there could be a warning sign alerting people they can't cross through the area. Jeremy advised he would check into it. He informed he has made sure Zimmer Biomet representatives were at all the progress meetings, so they know how to adjust the parking of their employees along with shipping and receiving. Jack Wilhite, a Zimmer Biomet employee, recused himself from the voting. Steve Foster made the motion to decline the request for speed bumps; seconded by Sgt. Lewis Fuller with no oppositions.