

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Warsaw City Hall Council Chambers. **Voting members in attendance were Steve Foster, Jeff Beeler, Captain Joel Beam, Jack Wilhite, Connie Fribley, Cindy Dobbins, and Jeremy Skinner.** Additionally, in attendance was Kim Hart, Lasca Randels (Ink Free News) and City Engineer James Emans.

Steve Foster called the meeting to order.

ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 2018 meeting by Cindy Dobbins; seconded by Connie Fribley with no oppositions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion was held regarding the Hickory Street “no parking” zone. Captain Beam advised that area is currently listed as a “no parking” zone but it is not in ordinance from the first residence at Market and Hickory north. Further, there are future plans for the City of Warsaw to include all “no parking” from the alley south. If an ordinance needs to be completed, we need to include what will be done in the future.

Jeff Beeler advised there currently is no date scheduled for the construction Hickory Street. The city has been working with INDOT. Captain Beam advised he thought the construction would occur in 2021. The residence at 117 S. Hickory Street has alley access and parking in the back which is currently being used for parking. Steve Foster made the motion to put in a “no parking” zone from the first alley north of Market Street south on the east side of Hickory Street as requested. Cindy Dobbins seconded the motion; no oppositions.

2. Cindy Dobbins asked for an update reference Winona Avenue and Union Street. Captain Beam advised approximately two years ago, there was a right turn only on Union Street turning onto Winona Avenue (just south of the intersection) based on INDOT’s recommendation. He further advised he pulled traffic statistics from January 2015 until September 2015 and there were five crashes during that period. In 2018, during that same time there has been only one accident.
3. Kim Hart advised she has a home on the northwest corner of Main and Bronson Streets. She stated she saw in prior minutes there was discussion about possibly needing stop signs on Main Street. Her concern at Main and Bronson is that a neighbor put up a picket fence and after speaking to other individuals, she believes it does meet regulations for distance from the corner. The lot is higher than the sidewalk which is an issue when children walk home from school. She stated she has photos showing a driver could not see elementary aged children above the picket fence. She added, if a driver is behind the white line behind the crosswalk, all a driver could see is fence and not oncoming cars or children. She advised she feels it is a safety concern for the future bike lanes but even without bike lanes, it is a concern for small children. She asked for an update on that area. Steve Foster advised the area was being investigated but because of all the construction, traffic studies need to be done when traffic is running normally. Jeff Beeler

advised if it is not done within the next couple weeks, it will not be done until next year because of construction and plowing.

4. ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Other matters that may come before the board:

Live streaming of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission meetings began today, Wednesday, October 3, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The next regular scheduled meeting – November 7, 2018

Meeting Adjourned.



Joel Beam
Secretary