

MINUTES  
Traffic Engineering Committee  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017  
3635 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Moline, IL 61265



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PRESENT: Scott Hinton  
Shawn Christ  
Laura Klauer  
Jim Versluis  
Sergeant Chris Pickens

OTHERS: Alderman Waldron  
Mayor Raes

STAFF: Heather Hurley  
Matt Moore

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of February 7, 2017.** Motion to approve minutes by Christ, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Revisit the request to install no parking signs from the residence of 2320 18<sup>th</sup> Street A to 2324 18<sup>th</sup> Street A.** Klauer stated that this area has been surveyed and resulted in very little right-of-way to widen the apron and therefore widening the street would not resolve this issue. Hinton stated that ruts from sanitation trucks were visible when he drove on 18<sup>th</sup> Street A. Versluis motioned to approve the installment of no parking signs from the residence of 2320 18<sup>th</sup> Street A to 2324 18<sup>th</sup> Street A, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Revisit the request to install speed bumps in the alley of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Streets.** Sergeant Pickens stated that an area check had been completed and resulted in two traffic stops with only one being related to the alley. Versluis motioned to deny the request for speed bumps in the alley of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Streets, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request to install a person with disabilities parking space at the residence of 829 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** Sergeant Pickens explained that the tenant lives on the main level of the rental property and feels the back entrance is not usable. This entrance has poor lighting and the inside landing is too narrow with steps leading to the basement. Resident feels that all parking on property is not usable and therefore would like a person with disabilities parking space in front of the residence. Versluis motioned to deny request for a person with disabilities parking space at the residence of 829 17<sup>th</sup>

Avenue based on the fact that the resident is not the homeowner, seconded by Christ. Hinton stated that we have approved requests for persons with disabilities parking spaces from tenants in the past. Committee discussed that the front entrance does have stairs that the resident would have to use and there is additional parking in the back of this property. Sergeant Pickens stated that the landlord will need to address the issues with lighting and the narrow landing on the inside of the back entrance in order to make it usable. Motion to deny the request carried with the following votes Ayes: Versluis, Christ, Klauer, and Sergeant Pickens. Nays: none.

- 5. Request for the traffic lights located at 501 River Drive to be operable at all times.** Committee discussed that the lights located at 501 River Drive currently switch to flashing yellow during the evening and early morning hours. John Deere is requesting that these lights be changed because their employees are having difficulties safely crossing the street during heavy traffic when lights are on flashing yellow. Hinton stated that the best option is to keep the lights operable at all times. Committee discussed keeping the lights on green until the crosswalk button is pushed as there isn't any north or south bound lanes, only traffic from the east and west. Sergeant Pickens explained that if the lights were operational they would be on green until triggered by the crosswalk button and that it would be possible to set up a time frame between each trigger of the crosswalk. Versluis pointed out that the lights near Garfield Elementary on 16<sup>th</sup> Street stay yellow unless the crosswalk button is pushed. Once the button is pushed the light turns to red and then back to yellow, never changing to green. Sergeant Pickens motioned to approve the request for the traffic lights located at 501 River Drive to be operable at all times, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Request to install traffic lights at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street.** The committee discussed the concern of west bound traffic coming over the hill and not having appropriate time to stop during certain weather conditions. Versluis stated that there are a lot of young drivers going through this intersection before and after school. These drivers are not paying attention and tend to roll through the stop signs. Hinton explained that cost is something to keep in mind as there will be additional expenses besides the traffic lights, and a traffic study will associate with this as well. Sergeant Pickens went over the traffic report for this intersection stating that in the last five years there's a record of 21 total accidents with one resulting in personal injury. Committee discussed that this intersection is only busy at certain times and the cause of most issues is due to impatient drivers which does not warrant a traffic light. Committee also discussed that we currently have one hundred and four traffic lights within the city of Moline whereas Davenport, a city double our size has seventy. Most cities our size have thirty to forty traffic lights not one hundred and four. Klauer suggested a traffic count and to take time in house to look at warrants and review the results with the committee next month. Klauer also stated that crosswalks and ADA compliant ramps are already planned for installment at this intersection for 2017. Klauer motioned to do further investigation in house and review at next month's committee, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Other.** Alderman Waldron inquired about the 38<sup>th</sup> Street bridge lighting across John Deere Road. Hinton explained that this is a priority however other projects are taking precedence at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Hinton, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley  
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering