

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 13, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeremy Carter at 6:08 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Dock Ward

Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward

Lt. Walter Felton, Rockford Police Department

Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman

Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman

Mr. Fred Lierman

Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205

Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District

Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Alderman Thomas McNamara, 3rd Ward

Mrs. Lisa Stravinskis, 1718 Jacoby Pl, 61108

Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 12, 2015 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 9th Ward, by Vicki Bennett, 2015 Brown Avenue, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on both sides of Brown Avenue from 125 feet east of Ridge Avenue to end of road. (Alderman Newburg explained that Ms. Bennett was actually more interested in having no parking at the end of the street due to cars that park there during games in the summer. She also stated Ms. Bennett has previously been stuck in her driveway due to cars parked at the end of the road. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the east end of Brown Avenue east of Ridge Avenue. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 6-0)

2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on Jacoby Place from Birchwood Drive to Crabapple Lane. (Alderman McNamara spoke of neighborhood concerns about students from Keith School and new pedestrians to the area due to new Multi-Use Pat and Bike Route. Ald. McNamara and Mrs. Stravinskis were both addressed perceived speeding and the narrow street in the area. Commission discussed 25MPH limits vs 20 MPH School Zone Limit. Commission discussed reluctance to post regulatory speed limit lower than 30 MPH due to wanting consistency throughout the City. Commission discussed advisory speed limits signage and staff agreed to look at places to install. Commission recommended establishing a 20 MPH School Speed Limit on Jacoby Place from Birchwood Drive to Clayshire Lane. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by T. Newburg. Voted 6-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, by City Staff, to establish all-way stop at the intersection of Christina Street and Blackhawk Park Avenue, thus repealing the existing 3-way stop condition at the intersection. (J. Carter discussed that the intersection was a four legged intersection but only a 3 way stop. Commission discussed if addition of 4th stop sign would affect RPS 205 bus drivers. Commission laid item laid over to discuss with RPS 205 representative at next meeting.)
2. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to reduce the speed limit on Crabapple Lane from Parkview Avenue to Jacoby Place from 30mph to 25mph. (Commission laid item over for staff to look at installing advisory speed limit signs in neighborhood)
3. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Alderman Thomas McNamara, to reduce the speed limit on Clayshire Lane from Jacoby Place to end from 30mph to 25mph. (Commission laid item over for staff to look at installing advisory speed limit signs in neighborhood)

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM. Motion by W. Felton, seconded by T. Newburg.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

February 10, 2016 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary