

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2019**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause
Alderman Janet Stack
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Rick Welle, Fire Chief
Eric Williams, Director of Public Works
Ryan Zwijack, City Engineer
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderman Janet Stack.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Alderman Stack, second by Alderman Krause to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Monday, June 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department: None

Fire Department:

Informational Items:

- Discussion regarding the City's Emergency Plan
Fire Chief Rick Welle presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the restructuring of the City's Emergency Plan. The last major overhaul was done in the mid 1990's. It will be aligned with the current FEMA National Preparedness Framework and Incident Command System. He gave a brief explanation of the objectives and plan elements sections. The City has several departments which will be combined into four (4) major functional categories:
 1. Law Enforcement / Dispatch
 2. Fire / EMS
 3. Public Works
 4. Administration

The items that are covered in tonight's meeting are general pointers that may need some input. The overall City's Emergency Plan is considered to be a security document for official use only not available to the public.

New Business:

Discussion Items:

- A right turn only sign at East College onto Main Street/IL 159
Alderman Krause has safety concerns about the amount of accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles at East College Street and North Main Street. College is a one way street and the line of sight is very limited when turning onto Main Street. There was a discussion about making it a right turn only but that would limit vehicles from going straight through Main Street onto West College Street. Making it a no left turn would allow for vehicles to go straight through and make right-hand turns. It was agreed upon that no left turns would be the best solution. A resolution will be presented at the next Public Safety Committee meeting for no left turn signage.

- **Stop/pedestrian lights at South Buchanan Street and East Vandalia Street**
Alderman Farrar had a constituent complaining about the intersection of Buchanan Street and East Vandalia Street. Some of his complaints were about the sidewalk sizes being too small, no access to the stores and vehicles not stopping when making right turns. His main complaint was the timing of the crosswalk lights being too short to cross the street. City Engineer Ryan Zwijack checked the timing of the crosswalks. He stated that you get nine (9) seconds of full white signal before it starts flashing. The white signal means you can start walking, flashing signal means don't start walking cross the street but you can continue to cross if you already started, and a red signal means not to enter the street. Pressing the crosswalk button just activates the crosswalk signal when it is your turn to cross. Alderman Farrar will get this information to the constituent.

Old Business:

- **On Hold - No parking request on the south side on H Street**
H Street is a dead end narrow street. When parking on H Street by Eden Church it is difficult to see to get through. Eden Church is fine with making H Street no parking on one side. Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) will survey the six (6) to eight (8) residences on H Street to see if they agree to no parking and if so what side they prefer.
- **Status of the Slow Down Downtown Campaign - pedestrian cross walk beacons in the downtown area**
In previous meetings there were discussions on putting in solar powered pedestrian crosswalk (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) lights in three (3) downtown areas:
 1. St. Louis Street and West Vandalia Street by the Bank of Edwardsville
 2. College Street and North Main Street by the Wildey Theatre
 3. Mid-block crosswalk on the 200th block of North Main Street by 222 Artisan Bakery & Café.

The pricing on the crosswalk lights for purchase and installation is \$6,625.00 for each pole. This includes the galvanized poles, solar panels and all the signage. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approved the plans for the crosswalk signs at location #1 and #2 but denied the plan for location #3.

Public Works presented an analysis by Oates Associates of the mid-block crosswalk on the 200th block of North Main Street. They gave four (4) potential alternatives. Option 3 was recommended.

1. Removal of crosswalk: This option was dismissed due to its high volume of pedestrians.
2. Pedestrian Signal (HAWK System): This would provide the safest way to cross but was determined to be infeasible at this time.
3. Installing advanced signs and pavement markings: This option provides advance notices to the motorists and is an economical approach.
4. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons: The beacons would be push button activated and would flash for crossing. Because of the high volume of pedestrians during peak times it would be constantly flashing and backing up traffic. This option could induce unintended safety issues.

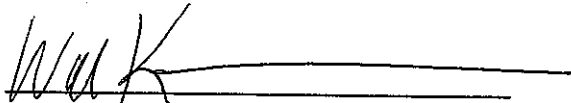
The Public Safety Committee agreed to have Public Works move forward with bidding the beacon lights for the two (2) approved locations. The mid-block crossing on North Main Street will remain as is.

- Status of crosswalk on North Main Street by Union Street for Main Street Community Center. In a previous meeting it was discussed about putting a crosswalk on North Main Street from the bus stop to the Main Street Community Center. Public Works stated that they are 99% sure that IDOT will deny this request. No further action is required of this issue.
- Status of crosswalk at Hillsboro Avenue and Commercial Street
In a previous Public Safety Committee meeting Alderman Morrison was approached by Trailhead Church trying to find a better way to get church members across Hillsboro Avenue to the corner of Commercial Street.

Public Works had Oates Associates do an analysis to determine if the proposed crosswalk location meets all sight distance and safety criteria. It was recommended to install curve warning signs and advisory speed signs of 15 MPH. According to Oates, the curve has a design speed of 15 MPH. There are no existing sight obstructions. The location for a crosswalk meets the criteria but the sidewalks would need to be ADA compliant. There was previous discussion about Trailhead assisting with the cost of installing ADA compliant curbs.

The Public Safety Committee agreed to move forward with installing 15 MPH advisory speed limit signs for the curve at Hillsboro Avenue and Commercial Street. This informational item will moved to Council.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, July 08, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department