

City of Norwich
TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes

September 14, 2011

Members Present

B. Merritt, Chairman

G. Brookins

T. Knapp

S. Sutton

G. Cleveland

Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. Brookins made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8th, 2011, seconded Mr. Knapp. All were in favor.

Correspondence: Norwich PD, case # 2011-5206, a Norwich resident reported a tractor trailer has been parking on Cortland/Plymouth St. causing a traffic hazard. The PD also received an email from a Norwich resident also reporting the same traffic hazard. Both complaints were from two different citizens. During the discussion Mr. Brookins mention a city ordinance was already in place resisting vehicles from parking within 50 feet of an intersection. DPW needs to be contacted and the sign erected.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Mr. Merritt reports speaking to the Mayor about changing the sign in front of Pasquales from 2hr. Parking to No Parking Here to Corner. Mr. Merritt also requested the 2hr. parking sign at the corner of North Broad Street and Mechanic Street be changed to No Parking Here to Corner. Mr. Brookins made a motion to have the signs placed, seconded by Mr. Sutton. All in favor.

Mr. Merritt stated the Borden Ave. bus stop near Magistro Dr. is a problem the school has to address and not the city. Mr. Merritt spoke with the Mayor to see if the 150 watt bulbs downtown were replaced with 250 watt bulbs because of the low lighting. Referring to the

motion made by Mr. Sutton in the June meeting to test a section of South Broad St and American Ave. DPW needs to be contacted to see if the bulbs were installed.

-Mr. Sutton requested a curb cut at the intersection of Thompson and Ridgeland Road on the south side of Thompson. The curb cut would match the one across leading onto the Gibson School allowing access with a wheel chair. ACP Burlison to contact DPW.

New Business: Mr. Sutton reported a dumpster behind Pasquales that was placed on the sidewalk blocking pedestrian traffic. Codes to be contacted and advised. Mr. Sutton spoke of having signs put up to help pedestrian traffic cross onto the Green Belt on Hale Street.

-Mr. Merritt reports bushes located on the north end of Columbia and Front St. are blocking the view toward the railroad tracks. Mr. Merritt also reports bushes on Hickory Street travelling toward Elm Street are also blocking motorist view.

-Mr. Knapp reported a large Yellow flowering plant blocking the sidewalk near the stop sign at the intersection of Elm and Hayes Street.

-Mr. Brookins discussed the intersection of Elm St. and Eaton Ave. asking if the number of motor vehicle accidents have increased or decreased in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Brookins requested the PD provided data for accidents that have occurred in 2010 vs. 2011. ACP Burlison to provide the data.

-Mr. Cleveland asks about the traffic flow or any further complaints about the parking next to the pickle courts on Conkey Ave. No further comments have been received about the parking and its normally only occurred during events being held at the Perry Browne School. Mr. Cleveland asks about getting Prentice Street fixed so when it rains during a storm the street isn't closed. ACP Burlison to contact DPW.

With no further discussions Mr. Brookins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 12th at 7:30 p.m.

