Wednesday, February 5, 2025 1:30pm

Richard J. Pasco Council Chambers, City Hall

10 S. State St, Greenfield, IN 46140

Glen Morrow, City Engineer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Monica Evans took roll call.

Members Present:

CW Murnan

Glen Morrow

Tyler Rankins

Amy Kirkpatrick

Gary Pence

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

A motion was made by T. Rankins to nominate G. Morrow at Chairman and seconded by C. Murnan. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by G. Pence for T. Rankins to be Vice Chairman and seconded by. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made for M. Evans to be administrative secretary and CW Murnan will be Member Secretary by T. Rankins and seconded by G. Pence. CW Murnan will perform administrative duties if M. Evans is unavailable.

A motion was made to approve January meeting minutes by G. Pence and seconded by CW. Murnan. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stop Sign Recommendations:**

The first item of business was to review the status of a stop sign recommendation at intersection of Davis & Meridian Roads. Along with a new stop sign on Center Street and one at the intersection of Marsh Aster Drive & Sedgwick Lane.

G. Morrow said that an ordinance is going to Council for approval for placement of the new stop signs. He will give an update on approval/denial at next months meeting.

**Fields Blvd & McClarnon Drive Parking:**

The next item on the agenda is about parking spaces on Fields Boulevard just north of McClarnon Drive. G. Morrow said he received an email from the business owner on the corner and she was wanting to be able to have clients park along Fields Blvd. due to the parking lot filling up. There are no other places within the city that have the same type of markings. The only place is at the Memorial Building. T. Rankins said he would not be in favor of this due to the maintenance and the tax payor burden.

CW Murnan said they have never allowed designated spots for a building. He doesn’t see an issue in marking the intersection and painting curbs. The street is public and they can park there. T. Rankins said some of the patrons do park on the opposite side of the street where homes are located.

G. Morrow said he would send a letter explaining where no parking is allowed but not mark or stripe the street.

A motion was made by T. Rankins and seconded by G. Pence. Motion carried 5-0.

**Intersection of Broadway & New:**

G. Morrow gave the members an image showing what that intersection would look like with a roundabout. Burgess & Niple completed a traffic study of the intersection a year ago. Burgess & Niple showed a project cost at just under $3 million dollars. G. Morrow mentioned the committee had previously talked about a signal but does not suggest it. T. Rankins agreed that a signal is not appropriate and is costly.

G. Morrow asked about truck traffic on Broadway turning east, T. Rankins said that there is some traffic as you can see, they run over the curb when turning. T. Rankins believes the traffic from the Sams Distribution is the main cause, but he is more concerned with the backed-up truck traffic on Muskegon from the trucks.

G. Morrow said in the report there were 9 accidents in the last 4 years. 2 incapacitated and 7 property damage crashes. CW Murnan said there was 1 accident in October of 2024 and there have been a couple more recently.

T. Rankins said they could possibly bring the stop bar back a little to open the radius to see if that helps. He said it is worth a shot to see if it will work. They will follow up in the fall to see how things are going.

A motion was made to move the stop bar back and widen the turning radius by T. Rankins and seconded by C. Murnan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Traffic Counters**:

G. Morrow said he contacted LTAP and they emailed back with the different kinds of traffic counters and some research about the devices. The person recommended a traffic counter by the company Stalker.

C. Murnan asked about a demo of the products. G. Morrow asked T. Rankins to follow up about demos for products.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

**Roundabouts:**

G. Morrow said he spoke to Burgess & Niple this morning about other roundabouts that may need to be constructed in the near future. They sent some suggestions to review. A. Kirkpatrick asked about the intersection of McKenzie and Jaycie Phelps, if we could get more current numbers of accidents at this intersection.

G. Morrow said for them to review and see what needs prioritized. He asked the Mayor if the Board of Works would need to review. He said that yes, once the committee figures out which intersection needs to be addressed first to get approval from the Board.

Mayor Titus also expressed concern about the trucks being backed up on Muskegon when talking about the roundabouts. He said that he isn’t sure what Sams Club is going to do, with the trucks. He said developers are wanting to create a new parking lot but, he is worried it will become an overnight spot for trucks.

T. Rankins said he think they need to talk to INDOT about getting a second left turn lane on Muskegon to help with traffic.

The eight intersections that are being looked at for roundabouts are: State & McKenzie, State & New, Franklin & Davis, McKenzie & Blue, Blue & New, McKenzie & Jaycie Phelps, Broadway & New and Meridian & New Rd.

G. Morrow asked C. Murnan to bring crash statistics to the next meeting for discussion. Mayor Titus said that the city attorney is working on an ordinance for a stop sign at Meridian and Davis. T. Rankins said it still needs to be heard at Council.

**Speeding in McKenzie Terrace:**

T. Rankins said he got an email from a Council member about traffic speeding thru the subdivision and asked C. Murnan if they could increase patrols in the area for a while.

**South Street:**

T. Rankins said he and the Mayor talked about making South Street a one way going west bound from 9 to Pennsylvania with angled parking. Mayor Titus said that it was Chief Hartman’s idea. He said with it being a wide street and would be able to gain some parking. G. Morrow asked about a traffic study downtown due to the mixed-use development. Mayor Titus said it has not been discussed as of yet. He asked C. Murnan if he thought it would be an issue with the Police Department, and he did not believe it would as they leave the Police Department by other routes.

**Traffic Safety Report:**

For the next meeting, CW Murnan said that he should have his annual traffic safety report completed for the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn by T. Rankins and seconded by A. Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.