

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 3, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Josie Esker, John Dossey, Brian Franciscovich, Dean Schneider

Also present: Dan Shipman, Stephen B. Hilst

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Brian to approve the agenda, seconded by John. All in favor.

Motion by Trent to approve the November 4, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by John. All in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Stephen B. Hilst attended the meeting to discuss his concern with a neighbor who is parking in the street and partially blocking his driveway at 1813 Memorial. He submitted photographs for examples to the committee and discussed how it has been causing problems and his concerns with safety. Mr. Hilst suggested a six-foot minimum distance should be required in the city ordinance. He has been dealing with this issue for about 3 years.

Dan Shipman attended the meeting again to voice his concerns with traffic flow on Garden St. to Court St. He stated that his request was for Garden St. to Court St. not 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Court St. Chief Dossey told him we will have public works and the street dept to take a look at the new concerns he presented regarding a sink hole and standing water.

**New Business**

1. Streetlights – Osprey Ct.

This request came from a concerned citizen who said their street is very dark at night and doesn't have enough street lights and is concerned for safety. The committee discussed a possible solution. John made a motion to send a letter to the citizen proposing a solution, seconded by Brian. All approved.

2. Crashes at Intersection - North 8th and Broadway

This request came from a citizen who was concerned how the stoplights are close together and he had accidentally went through the first stoplight and caused a crash because he was looking at the second light. The committee discussed the layout of the intersection and reviewed the last five years of crash reports. Josie discussed a study that is currently going on involving Court Street. After that study there may be a possibility of reconfiguring Court Street. A motion was made by John to revisit the intersection and possible reconfiguration after the completion of the study. Seconded by Dean, all approved.

### 3. Parking Concerns – 1813 Memorial St.

This request came from a citizen who was concerned with a neighbor parking on the street and blocking part of his driveway. The committee discussed adding an ordinance stating a minimum distance to park away from driveways. John made a motion to have this item on the next agenda for a recommendation to the council. Seconded by Dean, all approved.

### 4. Parking Spots – 335 Court St.

This request came from the VA office wanting to create two designated parking spots in front of the VA office on lower Court St. He's asking for 1 accessible space and 1 veteran's only space. It was noted the city does have the required number of accessible spaces. John made a motion to make a recommendation to the council agenda to add 1 accessible parking space at the engineer's discretion at this location. Trent seconded the motion. All approved.

### 5. Speeding Concerns – 900 Block of Caroline

This request came from a citizen in the 900 block of Caroline who was concerned with speeding in this location. The police department will install the speed spy in the block of concern to track vehicle speeds. Trent made a motion to discuss at the next meeting after the speed spy results are in. John seconded, all approved.

### **Around the Table**

Brian mentioned the fines were going to \$300 on accessible parking spaces.

A motion was made by Trent to adjourn, John seconded. All approved.