

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of April 9, 2020
Date: April 16, 2020

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting on April 16, 2020. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business:

1. A request from Mr. Eli Smart, 1771 Morningside Drive, elijahsmart708@gmail.com, to lower the speed limit in the Shady Acres neighborhood.

Action: Postponed

2. A request from Ms. Lindsey Cochran, Tel. 662-422-9007, for the installation of 40 mph speed limits signs on Heardtown Road.

Action: Postponed

3. A request from Ms. Molly Tanner, Tel. 662-213-7043, for the installation of speed tables on S. Church Street.

Action: Postponed

4. A request from Mr. Don Lewis for the installation of “No Parking” signs on Jefferson Street by Strange Brew. Possibly during school hours.

Action: No Action Needed

New Business:

1. A request from Ms. Cynthia Colburn, 1510 Trace Avenue, Tel. 662-841-1083, for the installation of a caution sign or caution light on S. Lawndale Drive for northbound traffic approaching Avonlea Assisted Living Home.

Action: Denied

2. A request from Mr. Sean Gaines, 1301 Kincannon, Tel. 662-213-8821, seanpatrickgaines@gmail.com, for the installation of a “Children At Play” sign or an “Autistic Child” sign.

Action: Approved “Children At Play” sign

3. A request from Mr. Andy Graf, 5144 Lackey Lane, Tel. 662-791-9865, for the installation of a stop sign from Coonewah Trail onto McPherson Road (coming out of The Grove subdivision).

Action: Approved

4. A request from Ms. Rosa Rocha, 1244 CR 811 (Old Saltillo Road), Saltillo, Tel. 662-322-3526, for the installation of a speed table.

Action: Denied

5. A request from Ms. Lauren Stewart, 433 N. Church Street, for the installation of a speed table.

Action: Approved “Deaf Child” sign and to look at a Chicane as a traffic calming measure

6. A request from Ms. Amber Phillips, 1322 Leonard Drive, for the installation of a “Blind Child” sign.

Action: Approved

7. A request thru Mr. Don Lewis, COO, for the installation of a stop sign at Ida B. Wells and Monument Drive making this intersection a 3-way stop.

Action: Approved

8. A request from Mr. Don Lewis for the Traffic Committee to adopt a “Policies and Procedures” manual.

Action: Approved to move forward with the manual

9. A request from Mr. Robert Kiste, 517 N. Madison Street, for the installation of “No Parking” signs on Madison Street at the 4-way where the road narrows.

Action: No action needed

**MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on April 9, 2020, at 9:00 am in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall. Members present were:

Mr. Jimmy Avery (via teleconference)
Mr. Alex Wilcox (via teleconference)
Mr. Mike Williams (via teleconference)
Mr. Chuck Williams (via teleconference to represent the Public Works Department)
Mr. Dennis Bonds (in conference room)
Mr. Norman Cruse (in conference room)
Mrs. Pam Blassingame (in conference room)
Mr. Donald Dykes (absent)
Mr. Barton Wynn (absent)
Officer Phillip Sanderson (absent)
Mr. Emmitt Foster (absent)

Audience members were:

TW&L: Johnny Timmons (Manager) (via teleconference)
City: Don Lewis (COO) (via teleconference)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Alex Wilcox to approve the Traffic Committee Minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Avery and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. **A request from Mr. Eli Smart, 1771 Morningside Drive, elijahsmart708@gmail.com, to lower the speed limit in the Shady Acres neighborhood.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone Old Business items 1, 2 and 3 until the Policies and Procedures manual for the Traffic Committee is adopted or rejected by the city council. (See item 8 under New Business.) This motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Avery and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Ms. Lindsey Cochran, Tel. 662-422-9007, for the installation of 40 mph speed limit signs on Heardtown Road.**

See Item #1.

3. **A request from Ms. Molly Tanner, Tel. 662-231-7043, for the installation of speed tables on S. Church Street.**

See Item #1.

4. **A request from Mr. Don Lewis for the installation of “No Parking” signs on Jefferson Street by Strange Brew. Possibly during school hours.**

Mr. Don Lewis stated that this item has been taken care of and no further action is needed by the Traffic Committee.

New Business

1. **A request from Ms. Cynthia Colburn, 1510 Trace Avenue, Tel. 662-841-1083, for the installation of a caution sign or caution light on S. Lawndale Drive for northbound traffic approaching Avonlea Assisted Living Home.**

Mr. Chuck Williams made a motion to deny this request and noted that Avonlea could dramatically help the visibility issue here by trimming their bushes by the driveway. Mr. Alex Farned seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Sean Gaines, 1301 Kincannon, Tel. 662-213-8821, seanpatrickgaines@gmail.com, for the installation of a “Children At Play” sign or an “Autistic Child” sign.**

Mr. Alex Wilcox made a motion to approve the “Children At Play” sign. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mr. Andy Graf, 5144 Lackey Lane, Tel. 662-791-9865, for the installation of a stop sign from Coonewah Trail onto McPherson Road (coming out of the The Grove subdivision).**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that there used to be a stop sign here. Therefore, Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to approve this request. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Avery and it passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Ms. Rosa Rocha, 1244 CR 811 (old Saltillo Road), Saltillo, Tel. 662-322-3526, for the installation of a speed table.**

Mr. Chuck Williams explained that address is not located within the city limits. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Mr. Mike Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **A request from Ms. Lauren Stewart, 433 N. Church Street, for the installation of a speed table.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds explained that Ms. Stewart is concerned about her child, who is deaf, being injured by a speeding vehicle. Mr. Bonds stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Chuck Williams and look at installing a traffic calming measure called a Chicane, which uses controlled islands and striping to help slow traffic. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny the speed table and explore that Chicane option. Mr. Alex Wilcox seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Mike Williams then made a motion to approve the installation of a “Deaf Child” sign. This motion was approved by Mr. Chuck Williams and it passed unanimously.

6. **A request from Ms. Amber Phillips, 1322 Leonard Drive, for the installation of a “Blind Child” sign.**

Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to approve this request which was seconded by Mr. Alex Wilcox. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **A request thru Mr. Don Lewis, COO, for the installation of a stop sign at Ida B. Wells and Monument Drive making this intersection a 3-way stop.**

Mr. Chuck Williams made a motion to approve this request, noting that traffic in this area will increase due to the two new developments on Monument Drive and Ida B. Wells. Mr. Alex Wilcox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **A request from Mr. Don Lewis for the Traffic Committee to adopt a “Policies and Procedures” manual.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds provided the manual as it is now and noted that items will be added as they are discussed and approved. Mr. Jimmy Avery made a motion to go ahead with the writing of a “Policies and Procedures” manual for the Traffic Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Wilcox and it passed unanimously.

9. **A request from Mr. Robert Kiste, 517 N. Madison Street, for the installation of “No Parking” signs on Madison Street at the 4-way where the road narrows.**

Mr. Chuck Williams noted that this matter has already been addressed. Therefore, no action was needed by the Traffic Committee.

With there being no further business, Mr. Jimmy Avery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted By: *Pam Blassingame*