

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of August 22, 2024
Date: August 29, 2024

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting on August 22, 2024. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business:

1. A request from Ms. Zola Ward, 3291 Meadow Drive, 662-401-0120, for the installation of speed tables on the following streets:
 - a) Meadow Drive
 - b) Beasley Circle
 - c) Brooks Street
 - d) Moore Avenue
 - e) Evans Circle
 - f) Kennedy Drive

Action: Approved

2. A request from Mr. Joel Driskell, 1478 Orleans Place, Tel. 662-871-3465, jdriskell48@gmail.com, for the installation of some traffic calming measures along Butler and Purnell Roads (installation of a guard rail at 1478 Orleans Place, directly across from Purnell Road).

Action: Postponed

3. A request from Mr. Jim Kerrant, owner of N MS Dance Center @ 3480 Browning Drive, Tel. 662-324-8085, for the installation of some traffic calming measures (safety signage).

Action: Approved

New Business

1. A request from Councilwoman Rosie Jones, Ward 7, for the installation of rumble strips on Green Tee Road near Southern Heights intersection.

Action: Approved

2. A request from Big Oaks HOA for the installation of speed tables on Laurel Drive.

Action: Approved

3. A request from Councilwoman Nettie Davis, Ward 4, to make the intersection of Franklin and Broadway Streets a four-way stop.

Action: Postponed

4. A request from Ms. Jessica Peralta, 615 S. Church Street, Tel. 662-523-6890, jessperalta@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables along S. Church Street between Carnation Street and Chestnut Street.

Action: Postponed

5. A request from Mr. Jimmy Blaylock, 350 Elliott Street, Tel. 662-321-5786, jimmyblaylock@yahoo.com, for the installation of speed tables on Elliott Street from the cotton mill to S. Green Street.

Action: Conditional Approval – waiting on completed petition

6. A request from Ms. Lauren Steward, 433 N. Church Street, Tel. 662-842-9262, laurenkitchens@gmail.com, for the installation of “No Parking” signs in front of her residence.

Action: Postponed

7. A request from Mr. Chaz Kirby, 1214 Eugene Street, Tel. 662-871-5044, chazkirby@yahoo.com, for the installation of speed tables on Eugene Street.

Action: Conditional Approval – waiting on completed petition

8. A request from Ms. Delora Williams, 3436 Windsor Place Road, Tel. 662-346-6486, for the installation of “Watch for Children” signs.

Action: Approved

9. A request from Ms. Melanie Carruthers, 2654 Gun Club Road, Tel. 662-255-3309, for the installation of “Watch for Children” signs and “20 mph Speed Limit” signs.

Action: Approved

10. A request from Mr. Christopher Gibson, 2224 S. Clawood Place, cgibson84@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Clawood Place.

Action: Denied

MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
AUGUST 22, 2024

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on August 22, 2024, at 9:00 am in the council room on the 2nd floor of city hall. Members present were Mr. Dennis Bonds, Mr. Norman Cruse, Officer Jeff Griffin, Ms. Laura Kramer, Mr. Barton Wynn and Mr. Emmitt Foster. Mr. Mike Williams and Mr. Brent Spears were absent.

Audience members were Mr. Johnny Timmons, Manager TW&L, Mr. Don Lewis, COO, Mr. Chuck Williams, Public Works Director and several citizens.

Call to Order

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

Old Business

1. **A request from Ms. Zola Ward, 3291 Meadow Drive, 662-401-0120, for the installation of speed tables on the following streets:**
 - a) **Meadow Drive**
 - b) **Beasley Circle**
 - c) **Brooks Street**
 - d) **Moore Avenue**
 - e) **Evans Circle**
 - f) **Kennedy Drive**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that these streets are all classified as residential streets and that a petition has been completed with the required signatures. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request and install speed tables on the most needed streets first as determined by the engineering department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Joel Driskell, 1478 Orleans Place, Tel. 662-871-3465, jdriskell48@gmail.com, for the installation of some traffic calming measures along Butler and Purnell Roads (installation of a guard rail at 1478 Orleans Place, directly across from Purnell Road).**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that this request requires more study. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mr. Jim Kerrant, owner of N MS Dance Center @ 3480 Browning Drive, Tel. 662-324-8085, for the installation of some traffic calming measures.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that this area has been studied and, in cooperation with the Public Works department, some safety signage can be installed to help with traffic calming. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to approve this request and install the signage as recommended. The motion was seconded by Officer Jeff Griffin and approved unanimously.

New Business

1. **A request from Councilwoman Rosie Jones, Ward 7, for the installation of rumble strips on Green Tee Road near Southern Heights intersection.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds has spoken with Mt. Sinai Church and the homeowner near this intersection and they want the rumble strips. Therefore, Mr. Emmitt Foster made a motion to approve this request which was seconded by Ms. Laura Kramer. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Big Oaks HOA for the installation of speed tables on Laurel Drive.**

Several homeowners from Big Oaks were present to represent the HOA. Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Laurel Drive is a residential road and the HOA has the required signed petition. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Councilwoman Nettie Davis, Ward 4, to make the intersection of Franklin and Broadway Streets a four-way stop.**

Mr. Don Lewis stated that there is limited sight distance at this intersection. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item and allow time to conduct a study. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Ms. Jessica Peralta, 615 S. Church Street, Tel. 662-523-6890, jessperalta@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables along S. Church Street between Carnation Street and Chestnut Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds explained that speed tables will not be an option as S. Church Street does not have the correct classification. Mr. Bonds then asked that this item be postponed until the next meeting and he will get with Ms. Peralta to discuss some other options.

5. **A request from Mr. Jimmy Blaylock, 350 Elliott Street, Tel. 662-321-5786, jimmyblaylock@yahoo.com, for the installation of speed tables on Elliott Street from the cotton mill to S. Green Street.**

Elliott Street is classified as a residential street and is eligible for speed tables. Mr. Blaylock has been provided the needed information and is working on getting the petition signed. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to conditionally approve this item until the petition is completed. The motion was seconded by Officer Jeff Griffin and it passed unanimously.

6. **A request from Ms. Lauren Steward, 433 N. Church Street, Tel. 662-842-9262, laurenkitchens@gmail.com, for the installation of “No Parking” signs in front of her residence.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item until he can speak with Ms. Steward. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously..

7. **A request from Mr. Chaz Kirby, 1214 Eugene Street, Tel. 662-871-5044, chazkirby@yahoo.com, for the installation of speed tables on Eugene Street.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that Eugene Street is a residential street and qualifies for speed tables. He will provide Mr. Kirby with the needed information for the petition. Mr. Dennis Bonds then made a motion for conditional approval of this item until the petition is completed. Officer Jeff Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **A request from Ms. Delora Williams, 3436 Windsor Place Road, Tel. 662-346-6486, for the installation of “Watch for Children” signs.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request which was seconded by Mr. Emmitt Foster. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **A request from Ms. Melanie Carruthers, 2654 Gun Club Road, Tel. 662-255-3309, for the installation of “Watch for Children” signs and “20 mph Speed Limit” signs.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and passed unanimously.

10. **A request from Mr. Christopher Gibson, 2224 S. Clawood Place, cgibson84@gmail.com, for the installation of speed tables on Clawood Place.**

Clawood is classified as a Local road and not eligible for speed tables. Therefore, Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request which was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Submitted by: Pam Blassingame