

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of December 12, 2024
Date: January 2, 2025

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting on December 12, 2024. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business

1. 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: Denied

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

Action: Denied

3. 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: Denied (Local Road)

4. 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: Approved

New Business

1. A request from Greater Elevation Ministry, 1169 Hillsdale Drive, Tel. 662-231-9000 pattie_tidycleanup@yahoo.com, for the installation of speed tables on Hillsdale Drive in the vicinity of the church.

Action: Denied (Local Road)

2. A request from Harvester Square Homeowner's Association for additional speed tables.

Action: Tabled

3. A request from Belledeer Homeowner's Association for updated speed tables in their area.

Action: Approved

**MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on December 12, 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, Mr. Brent Spears and Mr. Barton Wynn. Ms. Laura Kramer, Mr. Mike Williams and Mr. Emmitt Foster were absent.

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

Call to Order

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

Old Business

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Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that he has studied this area, spoken with legal and admin, and there are no further measures that the city can take. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Brent Spears seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that a traffic count has been conducted at this intersection and it does not meet the required warrants for a four-way stop as set forth in the MUTCD. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Officer Jeff Griffin and approved unanimously.

3. **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 noted that Church Street is classified as a local road and does not qualify for speed tables. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to deny this request, which was seconded by Mr. Barton Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **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.**

Mrs. Steward was present to discuss this item. She informed the committee that the people who live across the street from her house, park on the opposite side of the street, blocking the view from her driveway and sometimes blocking the driveway and preventing her family from being able to pull out or into their home. Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion allowing Dennis Bonds to work with

the Public Works Department to come up with a solution and implement it to solve the problem. Officer Jeff Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **A request from Greater Elevation Ministry, 1169 Hillsdale Drive, Tel. 662-231-9000 [pattie tidycleanup@yahoo.com](mailto:pattie_tidycleanup@yahoo.com), for the installation of speed tables on Hillsdale Drive in the vicinity of the church.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that Hillsdale Drive is classified as a local road and does not qualify for speed tables. He then made a motion to deny this request, which was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Harvester Square Homeowner's Association for additional speed tables.**

Since the first set of speed tables were recently installed, Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to table this item and see how effective the current speed tables are. Mr. Brent Spears seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Belledeer Homeowner's Association for updated speed tables in their area.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this item, but noted that the updated (not additional) speed tables will be added at the end of the speed table list. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Submitted by: Pam Blessingame