

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021**

101 S. ILLINOIS ST., 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS:

Alderman Phil Elmore, Chairman	Present
Alderman Scott Ferguson	Present
Alderman Raffi Ovian	Present
Alderman Johnnie Anthony	Present
Alderman Ed Dintelman	Present

STAFF SUPPORT:

Sal Elkott, City Engineer	Excused
Jason Poole, Director-Public Works	Present
Master Sgt. Rob Rust, Police Dept.	Present
Lisa Scharf, Recording Secretary	Present

GUEST STAFF:

Sarah Biermann, City Treasurer

GUESTS:

Ralph & Mary Carr, 113 S. 27th St., Belleville, IL

Alderman Elmore called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of June 8, 2021, approved as submitted.

Alderman Elmore explained emergency procedures.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mary Carr stated that she had pictures to pass around for review and was requesting “No Parking” signage in the front of their house at 113 S. 27th St., due to parked cars in front of her driveway. She explained that the neighbors at 115 S. 27th St. had requested the same type of signage, about two years ago, in front of their home for the same reasons. In past years, neighbors from 245 S. 27th St. have been parking in front of the driveway of 115 S. 27th St., making it extremely difficult for the resident(s) to enter and exit their driveway. Driveways in this area are very narrow, so wide turns are needed when entering or exiting. She stated that she has a hill that slopes up on the right side of the driveway, which adds to the difficulty of entering and exiting their driveway. She also expressed in words that Mr. Carr has some medical disabilities that have contributed to his having trouble entering and exiting their driveway. These cars are parked there throughout the day and usually overnight which makes it difficult to access the public street. Ald. Elmore requested that the Police Dept. and Public Works check into this matter and bring back their evaluations to next month’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

E1. None:

NEW BUSINESS:

F1. Downtown Street Closure Evaluation: Ald. Elmore stated that all downtown closures have already been opened and that this wasn't needed on the agenda.

F2. Removal of Loading Zone at 13 N. Church St.: This used to be the old Curt Smith's Outdoor Store. The current owner has requested the "Loading Zone" signage be removed because it is no longer needed and he wants to be able to park in front of the business. Discussion ensued. Motion to remove the loading zone at 13 N. Church St. made by Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. Ovian, all in favor voted aye, motion carried.

F3. Request for Three Way Stop Sign at Union & Blair: Ald. Dintelman stated that there are no stop signs here presently. There have been problems with drivers speeding and not stopping, especially when approaching the T in the road and the complainants are wanting to slow down traffic on Union Ave. A stop sign is sufficient (on Blair) for right of way and/or yield purposes per Mstr. Sgt. Rob Rust. Discussion ensued. This item will be tabled and added to next month's agenda.

F4. Main Street Parking Enforcement: The question was asked by Ald. Elmore to Mstr. Sgt. Rust as to what he prefers the alderman to do when they see drivers parking up against the yellow painted curbs. Mstr. Sgt. Rust replied by suggesting that they contact the Police Dept. (non-emergency line) and officers will be dispatched to give out warning tickets to these violators.

MISCELLANEOUS/ALDERMANIC DISCUSSION:

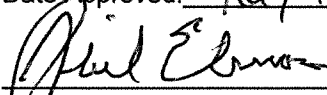
G1. Evaluation of No Right Turn on Red at N. 28th St. & W. Main: The reason that the "No Right Turn on Red" signs are posted is to prevent and reduce pedestrian accidents due to pedestrian volume from Union School, the gas station, etc. per Mstr. Sgt. Rob Rust. He added that these signs have very little impact to vehicular traffic and recommended that no changes be made to these signs.


ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to adjourn made by Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. Dintelman, all in favor voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Scharf
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: Aug 10, 2021

Alderman Phil Elmore
Traffic Committee Chairman


Jason Poole
Director of Public Works


Master Sgt. Rob Rust
Belleville Police Department