

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Public Safety Commission
Monday, March 26, 2018
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The Past-Chairman, Scott Bohler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Matt Boelter, Scott Bohler, Tracy Vetruba, Jim Anderson, Judith Creigo, Roger Swenson, and Frank Coburn

Members absent:

Also present: Bob VanLith, Fire Chief, Jon Sutherland Council Liaison, Marlene E. Kittock, Public Safety Coordinator, Sean Deringer, Wright County Sheriff Office, Shawn Louwagie, Wenck Associates – City Engineers. Three residents from Hidden Hills were also present for the meeting.

2. Election of Officers

A. Chair

Motion by Scott Bohler and second by Roger Swenson to nominated Tracy Vetruba as Chair. Nomination carried.

B. Vice Chair

Motion by Roger Swenson, second by Scott Bohler to nominated Judith Creigo as Vice Chair. Nomination carried.

3. Minutes

Motion by Scott Bohler and second by Roger Swenson to approve the minutes of July 31, 2018, and August 7, 2017. Motion carried.

A. March 27, 2017

B. July 31, 2017

C. August 7, 2017

4. Order of Business

A. Discuss crosswalk issues along CSAH 30 and Hidden Hills

In February 2018, while students were walking to school, while under the careful eye of their parents, were utilizing the crosswalk on County State Aid Highway 30 (CSAH 30) and Hidden

Hills Drive, a student ended up having his foot run over by a car that attempted to by-pass stopped traffic on CSAH 30 by passing on the right side of the stopped vehicles. No serious injuries occurred. The residents of the Hidden Hills development have met with representatives from the City, the County and the City Engineers office regarding obtaining additional safety measures at this crosswalk. Shawn Louwagie reviewed the engineering report dated March 08, 2018, that outline several options regarding the crosswalk. The engineering report recommended a concrete bump out with or without the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). The RRFB currently has an issue regarding the patent that is close to being resolved, but without this resolution the installation of this device must wait until the issue is cleared for its use.

Motion by Scott Bohler, second by Roger Swenson, to recommend to council the installation of the concrete bump out. The commission would make a recommendation on the RRFB after MnDOT has authorized its use and the patent issue is cleared up. Commission requested the RRFB issue be placed on the October 2018 agenda for an update. Motion carried.

B. Continued discussion regarding changing the street name of CSAH 30 – Between County Line Road and County Road 17.

The commission reviewed the past discussion regarding the possible re-naming of CSAH 30 between CSAH 17 and County Line Road. The address numbering system fits into the City's numbering system and not the County's. The county naming system fits into the County's naming sequence but not into the City's. Thus, many deliveries and some ambulatory services end up 2 to 3 miles outside of the city limits. Assigning a new city street name and retaining the existing numbers would best serve all involved. Currently this would only affect 5 or 6 addresses and the establish a new street name when and if any of the township areas annex into the city. The commission was asked once again if they wanted to uphold their March 2017 recommendation.

Without objection the recommendation to change the street name of CSAH 30 to a City name street was upheld. The commission is also looking for suggestions for a new street name.

C. Discuss the release of information regarding the March 2017 racist graffiti case closure.

The commissioner requested an update on the Mach 2017 racist graffiti case in Clover Springs. Sean Deringer of the Wright County Sheriff's Office stated that the Wright County Assistant District Attorney didn't have any new evidence to support going to court and without the complaint corporation it was difficult to put together a case. The commissioners asked if there was any way the city could have any impact on reversing the negative image of Delano's label as a racist community. Sean Deringer stated it is better to leave it alone at this time. If new information or evidence come forth, the City and County can deal with that when and if that happens. Sean Deringer commended the City of Delano on its Delano United and Spirit of Community Commission continuing efforts.

D. Discuss the request for security camera at the Park and Ride located on 250 Babcock Blvd (near Delano American Legion)

The parking lot formerly known as Ranchers Auto sales near the Delano American Legion that is owned by the City of Delano is being utilized as an informal Park and Ride. Last summer or fall a few of the parked cars had been broken into or suspicious behaviors were occurring in this lot. The car owners have requested that a security camera be placed on the site to deter this activity. The commission consensus is to obtain a cost estimate for signage and security cameras and then to re-visit the issue in the fall of 2018.

E. Discuss left turn lane striping and flashing yellow left turn indicator lamps at TH12 and Tiger Drive

Ed Terhaar PE from Wenck has received information that MnDOT will be striping the intersections of County Line Road and US Highway 12, as well as Tiger Drive and US Highway 12 and equipping the semaphores with flashing yellow lamps for left turns and striping the intersection accordingly. Shawn Louwagie of Wenck and Bob VanLith placed this item on the agenda for the Commission information. City staff is in receipt of the corporate agreement for the Council's action. No action required at this time.

F. Discuss crosswalk near 7th and Johnson Dr

A request for a crosswalk was received by city staff across Johnson Drive and the "T" intersection with 7th St. S. there currently is an crosswalk crossing 7th St. S. from the parking lot of Industrial Louvers and LSI to their primary building structure. Bob VanLith stated that the city crews could install pedestrian ramps and crosswalk striping thus completing this continue walking trail and sidewalk.

Motion by Jim Anderson and second by Roger Swenson to recommendation install of a pedestrian ramp and crosswalk across Johnson Drive and the "T" intersection with 7th St., S. Motion carried.

G. Discussion regarding special events road closures for emergency management and notification

Bob VanLith informed the Commission of a concern that has been raised regarding road closure for emergency management and notification. When ever a road is closed or a larger social public type event occurs in the city limits, the fire department is reliant on city staff to provide notice to the parties hosting the event or the congregations attending to provide proper security and notice of the road closure and setting up thereof. Some events that come to mind are the annual 4th of July Celebration, or the annual River St., Jam, or October fest, etc., should a storm event come up during the event how are the participants at the event noticed of the threating weather, how much training is giving to the hosts in setting up barrier and other security measures, who provides notice to local emergency response teams such as fire, ambulance, sheriff, of the pending road closures. This includes social events; sewer, water, street improvements; etc. Bob VanLith is reaching out to other city's and venues in hopes to draft a plan that can be handed out at future events as a guidelines to better serve the public. The commission felt this was a good idea and looks forward to reviewing this plan at its May meeting.

H. Discussion regarding loading activities for business located in the central business district

City Staff has received several complaints regarding double parking of delivery trucks within the Central business district. Various delivery trucks such as UPS, food and beverage delivery are unable to gain access to the rear or alley side of numerous downtown central business district businesses thus doubling parking and causing one lane of traffic to be closed for 15 to 20 minutes while the deliveries are being made. Vehicle traffic must pass the larger delivery type trucks by entering the upcoming lane thus causes these complaints. Staff has talked with the business owners and asked that they attempt to limit the number of times this occurs and request that the delivery trucks utilize the least amount of time as possible and attempt to utilize low traffic volume time periods for deliveries or if at all possible attempt to use any alley entrances for deliveries. The Commission took the complaint under advisement.

I. Discuss ambulance response time

The commission discussed the response time of the local ambulance when a medical call is generated in Delano. Roger Swenson expressed his gratitude for the rapid response time for an incident in his neighborhood. Bob VanLith offered to provide any reports or have the ambulance company attend a commission meeting to discuss the matter. Bob stated that Delano is in a good location being in the intersection of three ambulance districts; Waconia Ridgeview, Alina out of Buffalo Hospital and North Memorial for the Hennepin County side of the response territory. The three services work very well together.

J. Miscellaneous Items

WSO Sean Deringer asked for clarification regarding the annual Wright County Sheriff Office Law Enforcement Contract. The 4110 car is still getting lots of calls during the 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. period. The Sheriff's office is still recommending increasing the hours to cover some of this period of time. Sean Deringer requested input as to when the WSCO could re-open up discussion regarding a potential increase in service hours for Delano. The commission requested that city staff follow up regarding this request.

5. Adjournment

There being no business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm