

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes
612 North Main
Mitchell SD 57301
July 18th, 2016

Chairman Lyndon Overweg called the meeting of the Traffic Commission for the City of Mitchell to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 18th, 2016 in the Mitchell City Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chairman Lyndon Overweg Councilperson Jeff Smith Councilperson Dan Allen
Councilperson Dave Tronnes Councilperson Steve Rice Ex-officio Dick Figland
Assistant Chief Koster

AGENDA

Chairman Overweg requested approval of the **Agenda** for this meeting July 18th, 2016. Councilperson Rice made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilperson Tronnes seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for a crosswalk in the 800 block of N. Gamble in the handicap crossing area.

Chief Overweg informed the group that handicap signage was added a couple years ago; however, the crosswalk had not been requested at that time. Neighbors in the area requested that a crosswalk be added.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Smith seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

2. The Tour de Corn Committee would like to block off a portion of the City Hall parking lot and adjacent street/block, in the 100 block of East 7th on August 20th, 2016 from 7am to 9:30am for registration.

Chief Overweg informed the group that this is an annual event. It was asked if the event fell on the same weekend as Corn Palace Festival. Chief Overweg informed the group that this event is scheduled the weekend prior to the Corn Palace Festival.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Tronnes seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

3. The Tour de Corn committee is also requesting a parade permit on August 20th, 2016 at 9:30am for a police escort and traffic control at 12th & 23rd and Main Street.

Chief Overweg informed the group that this would be a similar request as some poker runs, which cost \$250.00 for the parade permit; whereas parades have a \$50.00 permit fee. After discussion, it was decided that the poker run fee would be charged at \$250.00 to keep it consistent with poker run fees as they require the same amount of staffing.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to approve the request with the poker run fee of \$250.00. Councilperson Tronnes seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

4. Remove the “15 Minute Parking” sign in front of the Scoreboard in the 500 block of N. Main.

Chief Overweg informed the group that this was a request from the Scoreboard. This sign has been up and then taken down during construction and then put back up again. Councilperson Tjarks commented that the “15 Minute” parking and “10 Minute” parking seems to cater to some businesses and asked if a “1 Hour” parking space could be added. Chief Overweg commented that it would be very difficult to enforce a “1 Hour” parking as an officer has to mark the vehicle and then would have to wait an hour before being able to ticket. Charlie Bailey from Charlie’s Shoe Shop said that the “15 Minute” parking space near his business is helpful for customers who come in and out.

Steve Culhane addressed the group and stated he had made the request to have the “15 Minute” parking space removed. Steve informed the group that every corner has a “15 Minute” parking space; however, this particular “15 Minute” parking space at 6th & Main also has two “10 Minute” parking spaces on the same block. He has observed tourists park and then back up out of the “15 Minute” parking space and then they leave because when they back up there are two more “10 Minute” parking spaces.

Councilperson Robinson suggested leaving one “10 Minute” parking space on the 500 block of N. Main.

It was asked that the “10 Minute” parking spaces in the 500 block of N. Main be brought back to the next traffic commission for discussion.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Allen seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

5. Cory Pratt, Locations Manager / Hap & Ashley, requests a street closure on North Main Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue from 9am to 1pm on August 2, 2016 for filming a movie scene which includes the outside entrance of the Corn Palace.

It was asked how the officer and patrol car would be used. Chief Overweg informed the group that he has been working with Cory Pratt on the officer and car. Chief Overweg explained that the City would require final editing approval to make sure the scene is appropriate. Our officer would just drive the car up to the Corn Place. Hap & Ashley has an actor that will be playing the officer that has a speaking role. Cory is aware that they will be required to pay the officers and Chief Overweg is working on getting the agreement in writing. There was discussion in reference to tourists being on site and Chief Overweg informed the group that Hap & Ashley’s request to Public Safety had not requested any closure of the Corn Palace on the days of the filming.

Councilperson Tronnes made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Rice seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

6. The Mitchell Convention & Visitors Bureau requests to close the street in front of the Corn Palace (7th-6th) from 4:30am to 5:00pm for the annual Sturgis Biker event, August 4th & 5th, 2016.

Chief Overweg informed the group that this is an annual event. This closure would allow for motorcycle parking only.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Rice seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

- 7. The Corn Palace Festival Committee is requesting the following street and parking lot closures for Corn Palace Festival: North Main Street and a half block each direction from 1st to 7th on Tuesday, August 23rd at 4:30am to Monday, August 29th at 4:30am. Closure of the west half of City Hall Parking from 4:30am on Tuesday August 23rd to 4:30am on Monday, August 29th. Closure of the 5th and Main Parking lot on Tuesday, August 23rd at 4:30am to Monday, August 29th at noon. Allowing overnight camping in the Disco Lot (800 N. Lawler) for carnival company workers.**

Chief Overweg informed the group that this an annual request.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Tronnes seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

- 8. Request to close the south half of the 300 block S. Mattie Street and close Mattie Street at the intersection of E. Birch Avenue until Mattie Street is completed.**

Charlie Bailey and Bill Buckmiller informed the group that the section of Mattie Street that is being requested to be closed leads to nowhere at this point. There are drivers that come out and drive through this area at a fast rate of speed which causes a lot of dust. Charlie and Bill are looking for a solution until the rest of Mattie Street is developed. It was asked how the street would be closed off. Chief Overweg stated that the City would barricade this section and property owners would need to barricade their own property. Traffic Supervisor Dick Figland had no concerns for blocking this portion of Mattie Street.

Councilperson Rice made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Allen seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Tronnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.
Councilperson Smith seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

The next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15th, 2016. The time will be announced at a later date.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Titze.