

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

NOTE: The Digital recorder turned itself off after the 6 minute mark. These minutes are from the Secretary's memory.

Mike Graft calls the meeting of the Marion Traffic Commission to order at ~ 2:05 pm Tuesday August 20, 2019 in the City Council Chambers Marion Municipal Bldg. He asks Virgil for the Roll Call:

Roll Call:

Present:

Mike Graft

Chairman of Commission

Don Batchelor

City Council Representative

Tom R. Hunt

Legal Department Representative

Sam Ramsey

City Plan Director

Non-voting Member

Virgil Hartley

T.C. Secretary

Absent:

Sgt. David Gilbert

Marion Police Dept. Representative

Non-voting Member

Rhonda Pierson

Traffic Dept. Representative

There is some conversation between Mike, Tom & Virgil a on the posting of 'OLD BUSINESS.' It was determined that things that were discussed and tabled did not have to be on the Agenda as they were on going.

Then Mike asks the members if they had read last month's minutes and the response was yes, he asks for a Motion to approval the July minutes: Tony makes the motion-Sam seconds, Mike asks all were in favor so it was –the motion passed the Minutes of the July meeting were approved. Mike decides to skip over "Item a" and go on to "Item b" so that the Peerless guys could go back to work:

New Business: Item b- Parking issue on W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street behind Peerless Machine & Tool Co. - speaking Shane Carey & Adam Miller (Peerless Machine): Mr. Carey starts the discussion with a little history of the situation: Peerless Machine has been at the same location for almost 100 years and until the recent year or two has had a "problem" with the resident at 1812 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The resident parks his vehicles so that the tractor-trailer driver has a hard time entering and/or exiting the loading dock at Peerless. The last time (last week?) Shane had to call Marion Police to see if they could do anything, the resident apparently was rude to the Officer, but since there isn't any traffic control i.e.: No Parking signs there wasn't anything the Officer could legally do. The Secretary (Virgil) has been out there last Spring (2018), had talked to this resident who was rude and ended up more or less walked him off. After a phone w/Mr. Carey & Miller last week, he went to talk to them face to face to see what was going on. He was shown a video where a truck had backed in & the resident then moved his truck so that coming out would be difficult for the driver.

Mr. Carey tells the Commission that the resident told him he doesn't have any beef with Peerless, but with "certain drivers." He works 3<sup>rd</sup> shift and some of the drivers wake him up. He (Mr. Carey) asks if the City could install "NO PARKING 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM" signs on the northside of W.1<sup>st</sup> Street from S. Bradner to S. Short St.'s. Adam Miller (Peerless Machine) comes up to the podium to add what was already said, confirms that he and Virgil met last Spring (when Virgil became aware of this "problem"). He verifies the video he had shown Virgil last week and said that he had more "evidence" of the things the residents does to try to harass tractor-trailers from making deliveries or pick up's. Tony says that when he worked for the Peerless Race Shop they would have deliveries all the time without any incidences. And again Mr. Miller adds that in all the years he's been there, there hadn't been any problems until now. He goes on and tells the Commission that the gentleman and his family are from Michigan and that he works at the GM Plant (3<sup>rd</sup> Shift) here in Marion.

Mike asks Shane & Adam about how many trucks they get in and out of Peerless- Adams answers about 10-12 semi's a day. He (Mike) adds that this to a request for S. Lenfesty to become a Truck Route for a proposed business there and that this may be like that situation. He then directs his talk to Don who will be is the Council representative that he should be prepared as this will probably be brought up. Tony Fox brings up the fact that when he worked at the Peerless Race Shop they would get deliveries all the time and drivers of these big rigs didn't have much of a problem negotiating the street, etc. Again the guys from Peerless says that this is more or less the neighbor's doings. Virgil asks that if the Commission goes to a "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of 1<sup>st</sup> Street would that have any ill effect on Peerless, the answer was NO as Peerless owns the property west of the main building. So with this Mike asks the Commission to vote on a "No Parking Anytime" for a "favorable recommendation" to the Ordinance Committee. Tom makes the motion, Tony seconds Mike asks for votes, all were in favor there were no objections, and Motion passed. Mike thanked Shane and Adam for showing up and pleading their case.

Item a 3-Way Stop request speaking Phil Pearson-Before Phil speaks Sam says that he talked to the gentleman that runs Carey Industries about this and he didn't know anything about the request, Mike brings up that when he & the Mayor were out there they did see some speeding, but this request didn't come from the Mayor's Office either. The question to Phil was why there is a need for a 3-Way Stop other than slow the speed down in which Mike says is not a good reason for a stop sign. Virgil adds that he Sam went out there to investigate the area and seen that there were quite a few egress & ingress on the westside of S. Carey (Virgil handed out aials) and that there were already the INDOT "Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalks" signs at the crosswalks.

NOTE: The Street had just been repaved so at the time of the field investigations there were no painted crosswalks on S. Carey Street- the aials did show them though.

Sam asks Phil who asked for the request, Phil said he couldn't remember, but was told to get it on the T.C.'s Agenda. With that Mike asks the Commission to table this until further notice. Mike makes a motion for an adjournment, Don Seconds motion carried meeting is adourned.