

CITY OF WELDON SPRING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at approximately 6:00 PM, at the Weldon Spring City Hall, which is located at 5401 Independence Road. The Work Session was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Licklider.

Alderman Baker, Alderman Clutter, Alderman Conley, Alderman Kolb, and Alderman Yeager were present. Also, present at the meeting were Michael Padella (City Administrator), Bill Schnell (City Engineer), and Bill Hanks (City Clerk).

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

Pedestrian Crosswalks & Traffic Count Study Discussion: Mr. Padella (City Administrator) started the discussion by summarizing the latest traffic count data of 20 locations from St. Charles County from 2019. There was a lengthy discussion about the safety aspect at various intersections throughout the City and different traffic control options.

While a few Aldermen believe that the City can make these decisions without studies, Mr. Schnell (City Engineer) explained his experiences working at the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and educated the Board on the guidelines established by American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Also, he warned of the potential of legal liability for the City if they do not meet certain accepted standard rules and if the intersection does not meet warrants and/or guidelines for traffic control devices. Therefore, Mr. Schnell recommended the City to hire a consultant or design engineer to conduct these studies for pedestrian crossing location and traffic counts. A brief discussion ensued.

Alderman Clutter asked for the City to get a legal opinion on any legal liability issue from their City Attorney if they do not follow these guidelines.

After a lengthy discussion of narrowing the scope of work, it was determined that a motion would be made at next Board meeting on studying approximately 7 locations for potential crosswalks and conduct the traffic count studies for approximately 11 locations.

“Short” Walking Facility Extensions Discussion: There was a discussion about exploring and presenting an option to the Homeowner Association on tying in the proposed Willow Lake Trail Extension to the existing sidewalks in the subdivision. The discussion also involved the Consideration to solicit preliminary engineering work bids for the other small walking paths identified by the City at the next Board meeting.

The Work Session was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


William C. Hanks, City Clerk

