



DELTA CITY COUNCIL

Public Hearing

Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:15 p.m.
Delta City Building Council Chambers
76 North 200 West
Delta, Utah

PRESENT

Mayor Gayle Bunker
Council Member Robert Banks
Council Member John Niles

Council Member Travis Keel
Council Member Betty Jo Western

ABSENT

Council Member Kiley Chase

ALSO PRESENT

Greg Schafer, City Recorder
Todd Anderson, City Attorney
Dent Kirkland, Public Works Director
Travis Stanworth, Asst. Public Works
Director
Sam Jacobson, Chronicle-Progress Reporter
Lynn Ashby, Fire Chief
Justin Ashby, City Employee
Randy Morris, City Employee
Monica Schafer, Delta Citizen
Cally Smith, Delta Citizen
Brandon Smith, Delta Citizen
LeeAnn Turner, Delta Citizen
Megan Huber, Delta Citizen
Mike Steele, Delta Citizen
Lacey Keel, Delta Citizen
Derek Curtis, Delta Citizen
Megan Curtis, Delta Citizen
Paige Curtis, Delta Citizen
Tanya Stephensen, Delta Citizen
Kate Smith, Delta Citizen
Lanie Lowell, Delta Citizen
Rylee Winters, Delta Citizen
Henci Stephensen, Delta Citizen
Madison Killian, Delta Citizen

Steven Huber, Delta Citizen
Sandra Christensen, Delta Citizen
Kim Carter, Delta Citizen
Joan Christensen, Delta Citizen
Ivan Christensen, Delta Citizen
Dusty Smith, Delta Citizen
Jenny Smith & Family, Delta Citizens
Rebecca Peterson, Delta Citizen
Linda Sorensen, Delta Citizen
Hannah Jones, Delta Citizen
Kurt Sorensen, Delta Citizen
Kristy Zufelt & Family, Delta Citizens
Travis Zufelt, Delta Citizen

Emalee Atkinson, Delta Citizen
Kaybree Stephensen, Delta Citizen
Ryler Stephensen, Delta Citizen
Dillon Pace, Delta Citizen
Brittney Pace, Delta Citizen
Janet Smith, Delta Citizen
Michele Steele, Delta Citizen
Deam Smith, Delta Citizen
Justin Tayln, Delta Citizen
Caralyn Tayln, Delta Citizen
McKinley Tayln, Delta Citizen

Aspen Tayln, Delta Citizen
Cora Hunsaker, Delta Citizen
Amy Priest, Delta Citizen
Joe Priest, Delta Citizen
Tyler Priest, Delta Citizen
Luke Beckstrom, Delta Citizen
Scott Johnson Family, Delta Citizen

Heather Sharp, Delta Citizen
Andy Nickle, Delta Citizen
Hailey Sharp, Delta Citizen
Ezri Sharp, Delta Citizen
Jessica Sharp, Delta Citizen
Hayden Sharp, Delta Citizen
Shauna Nelson, Delta Citizen

Mayor Gayle Bunker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. He stated that notice of the time, place and the agenda of the meeting had been posted at the City Building, on the Utah Public Notice website, the Delta City website, and had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle-Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

BUSINESS

To Receive Public Comment on Placing of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Locust Avenue and Birch Drive

Tanya Stephensen addressed the Council and stated that she lives over on Bristlecone Lane. Mrs. Stephensen stated that she lived in the area and that she has had many incidents at the intersection that have almost resulted in accidents. Mrs. Stephensen stated that while she believes laws should be followed that the stop sign was placed with the intent to protect the community. Mrs. Stephensen stated that she had yet to hear a good reason as to why it should not be placed where it is and that she thinks that the tax payers' money could be put to better use than a traffic study. Mrs. Stephensen stated that the majority of lots surrounding the stop signs have been sold to families with small children and it is to their benefit that the stop signs stay in place.

Dusty Smith thanked the Council for taking the public's input on the matter. Mr. Smith said that he has read through the previous meeting minutes to see how much thought the Council has put into the issue and has also gone door-to-door around the area to get the opinion of those close by. Mr. Smith stated that he had brought a petition with at least 65 homes near the area asking to keep the stop sign for the safety it provides. Mr. Smith stated that he was at the first meeting when the Council decided to do a study, but that it was not required to be an engineered study and he has seen Council Members out in the area looking into the matter themselves.

Dillon Pace stated that he has lived on Locust Lane for five years and that he has been wanting a stop sign near his house because people speed on that street. He stated that he had not heard any valid reasons for taking the stop signs down.

Linda Sorensen stated that when the situation first began she had been approached about the stop signs and in turn asked Code Enforcement Officer Kirkland and that he had said that he had believed that a study would need to be done. Mrs. Sorensen stated that she had not been telling people that it was a planning and zoning issue but that when she had approached people about it, she had informed them that she was on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She stated that the decision had not been voted on it had just been made and that the Code Enforcement Officer had not brought it up. Mrs. Sorensen stated that the issue had never come before Planning and Zoning and that it was never her intent to cause contention. She stated that she had done her research and that in the audio minutes the dairy and feed trucks were brought up multiple times and that living on the road and checked to see the amount going through and unless silage is being hauled there aren't many. Mrs. Sorensen stated that the Council was welcome to check any of the data she had compiled and that she believed that the Council should have to follow the rules and guidelines that that are in they have adopted. Mrs. Sorensen presented the Council with a signed petition to do a traffic study with the taking down of a stop sign optional.

Rebecca Peterson came before the Council and stated that when she first moved to Locust avenue 25 years ago there was only one other family living on the road and there was little traffic, but that it has changed so that both stop signs are needed to help slow down traffic for the children. Mrs. Peterson stated that there are children playing on the road or parking their bicycles next to it all the time. Mrs. Peterson informed the Council that drivers need the stop signs as reminders that they need to slow down.

Mike Bettis informed the Council that he lives on Locust Avenue and that he has been involved in getting the speed reduced and getting the other four-way stop installed over the years. Mr. Bettis stated that there is still a problem with people speeding on the road and the two stop signs are not doing enough to slow people down. Mr. Bettis stated that he had discussed the issue with the Sherriff's department and that they had informed him that there wasn't enough traffic on the road to actively patrol it. Mr. Bettis advised that a children-at-play sign be placed on the road as well. Mr. Bettis stated that he thought that the stop signs were good to have there as long as proper procedure was followed.

Dean Smith referenced the ordinance section 1 A.09 listing that the application of traffic control devices that shall not have legal requirement for their installations. Mr. Smith stated that there was no use spending the money on the study if it is not needed.

Kurt Sorensen came before the Council and stated that the whole town should have traffic studies on the roads. He stated that he that didn't care about whether the stops signs stay or

leave, but that moving the children's bus stop one block east to White Sage Avenue would be safer. Mr. Sorensen stated that the Locust Avenue is pretty peaceful, but does have some people speeding like most roads in town.

Ivan Christensen stated that there used to be two bus stops out on Locust, but there is only one there now and it is a courtesy bus stop because the kids in the area are not eligible for state funded school buses. Mr. Christensen stated that state law will allow one stop for children not living in an eligible area provided that the stop does not alter the route that the bus would need to take to get to the schools and the bus stop on Locust cannot be moved. Mr. Christensen reviewed some of the local bus routes taken and the numbers of children. Mr. Christensen stated that he was in favor of the bus stop staying where it is.

Mayor Bunker thanked everyone for their input and stated that the issue of the stop signs will not be addressed at the next meeting, it will be addressed on the 16th of June, 2016. Mayor Bunker stated that some investigation will be done into the comments made at the public hearing.

Mayor Gayle Bunker asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, Mayor Bunker thanked everyone for their participation and for coming and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

GAYLE K. BUNKER, Mayor

Minutes Approved:

GREGORY JAY SCHAFER, MMC City Recorder