



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randall Watson, Ted Warren, Dennis Magill and Lt. Kevin Haight

**STAFF PRESENT:** Captain Anthony Barnhart, City Liaison Jim Munn, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Traffic Engineering Tech Mike Sullivan and Recording City Secretary Leila Sanchez

**STAFF ABSENT:** Sergeant Howe, Dave Benefiel, Paul Duty, Carl Voigt and Recording Secretary Tina Kelley

Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Consideration of the Minutes for December 13, 2012.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Ted Warren made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Magill and voice vote showed all members present voted in favor of approving the December 13, 2012 minutes.

**II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Update on the signage for compression breaks at Blue Lakes and Pole Line.

Traffic Engineering Tech Mike Sullivan stated that signs were updated at all major truck routes.

2. Consideration of a request to designate 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. from Shoshone Street to Fairfield Street as a one way roadway for northwest traffic.

City Engineer Jacqueline Fields introduced Alan Horner, First Federal Savings Bank, Gerald Martens and Tim Vawser from EHM Engineers.

Alan Horner explained the request. He showed an architectural rendering of the proposed First Federal Building. First Fed is proposing to build a three story building with a basement on 4<sup>th</sup>, part of it covering the existing parking lot. First Fed is committed to the downtown area but parking is an issue. An agreement was reached with the City on purchasing the Brown Lot located behind Title Fact for employee parking. To make the design work, the existing customer parking lot is needed for office space, and additional parking is needed in the street. Covered

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parking will be utilized for handicap parking and for senior citizens. In speaking with the City, discussion was made on making 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue a one way. First Fed can add additional parking in the street, making it safer.

He stated that he and Gerald Martens spoke to the County Commissioners who are onboard with the parking. Contact was also made with business owners, Tim Thompson, Verlyn Broek, and Bill Kyle, located on the second block. They are in favor of the request.

Gerald Martens explained the request using overhead projection. The entire block will be rebuild, repaved, new curb, gutter and sidewalk. In summary, the request is to go forward and working with the City and reconfiguring the traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a one way with angle parking. He has spoken with property owners. Two meetings have been conducted with Engineering Department and administrative staff.

Commission discussion followed on:

- Public education on project and signage.
- Schedule of construction.
- Pros and cons of a one way street.
- Business owners concerns.
- Change of traffic patterns in surrounding streets.
- Estimation of the City's potential costs.

Gerald Martens explained that he will work with the City to get information out to the press and explained the signage and pavement marking that would be placed. Construction is scheduled for early spring, 2013. Fourth Avenue will not be closed for construction.

The County Commissioners felt it is advantageous to maintain a consistent uniform traffic in and out of their parking area. Positive feedback was received by all business and one residential structure.

City Engineer Jacqueline Fields handed out a packet with the proposed changes. She explained the changes that would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, traffic counts, and changes to the intersection. She stated that there may be future potential that other businesses will request a similar type of proposal. There will be a maintenance cost to the city.

Staff is recommending endorsing the proposed change to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North as presented.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Haight made the motion to recommend moving the proposed request to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Watson and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 4 to 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

City Engineer Jacqueline Fields stated that she and Randy Watson made a presentation to the City Council on January 7, 2013, and the City Council approved the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Commission to establish a painted crosswalk at the intersection of Dierkes St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**III. PUBLIC INPUT/QUESTIONS:**

Alan Horner with First Federal Savings Bank, Gerald Martens and Tim Vawser from EHM Engineers came to discuss the proposal for the one way roadway on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. from Shoshone St. to Fairfield.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Tina Kelley  
Recording Secretary