

**TRUCKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013
MINUTES**

The Rochelle Trucking Advisory Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on September 25, 2013 in the conference center at City Hall, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Present on Roll Call were Committee members: Jim Black, Joel Thompson, and KC McCann. Also present were City Engineer Sam Tesreau, Administrative Assistant Michelle Knight, Assistant to the City Manager Sue Messer, Business, Industry, and Airport Manager Mark Delhotal, Economic Development Director Jason Anderson, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce Peggy Friday, Sergeant Phil Frankenberry, and Mayor Chet Olson.

Minutes: Jim Black moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 Trucking Advisory Commission meeting, Joel Thompson seconded. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Business Items:

1.) **Creating 24/7/365 channels of communication between the City and trucking businesses to improve efficiency and increase public safety.** It was discussed about having a radio station dedicated for truck drivers to tune into for information on such things as IDOT, weather, truck routes, road closures, local ordinances, and a reference to the Overweight Truck Permit website. KC suggested signs telling drivers what radio station to tune to for this type of information. Peggy will look into getting a radio station dedicated to the trucking industry.

KC suggested using flyers with a QR code that could be scanned by a smart phone which would directly open up the truck website with truck route map, etc. This code could also be on truck route maps. Sue will ask Jenny to look into this. Pat Burch suggested contacting all local industries to be sure they have open communication with their drivers. Jason's office may be able to provide this contact to industries. She also stated that the CB radio is a great resource for communication. KC tested the Cities overweight website prior to the meeting and he had positive comments about the permitting system.

1.) **Updating GPS with accurate property locations.** Jason stated that the accuracy of the GPS systems needs to be improved by updating the addresses with correct locations. Phil said that GPS is a big problem for out of town truck drivers and the most common issues with trucks are them getting off route, not the permits. Phil stated that there is great communication between the Police Department and Community Development Department with regards to the permits. It was suggested that Jason's office contact local businesses by mailing them a letter and asking them to discourage trucks from going through Steward and suggesting a different route. Mark Delotal will look into and work on changing Google Maps, MapQuest, Garmin, Tom Tom, etc.

Discussion Items: It was discussed that the Cities ordinance needs to be easier to read and understand. Phil brought a sample ordinance from another municipality as an example. A copy of the sample ordinance will be given to Alan Cooper to review and see if portions of the ordinance may be revised. It was also discussed that the ordinance should be changed to allow electronic devices to show a copy of the permit in the truck.

Much discussion was had about truck routes and what the City can do to make certain truck routes more “trucker friendly”. Pat Burch stated that the back way to the industries along Wood Street is an issue because it is not designed as a truck route and there are inadequate turning radiuses. She said that FBC is difficult to get to and you can only enter the scale from the south. She would like to see Main Street back as a truck route. Sam stated that widening improvements, along the Ave E and Wood St route, are difficult with the limited right of way and existing land uses and development of that area. While some of the route can be improved a majority cannot. Furthermore, a public meeting should be held before any such changes would be proposed by the TAC, PW committee or council, to get input from the residents in the area on creating another truck route along Main Street. Sam noted several years ago the Mayor and City Council decided that this was not an appropriate route for truck traffic due to the schools, residential areas, and pedestrian traffic along Main Street. While Lincoln School has moved Main Street still has residential areas. Sam suggested using the newly upgraded Veterans Parkway truck route to Quarry Rd as an alternative route via Washington St and IL. Rte. 251. Jason suggested scheduling another meeting to discuss truck routes. The trucking industry should prepare a list of concerns and/or suggestions to provide to the City Engineer prior to this meeting. This way these things can be looked into for further discussion at the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at 2:30 in the conference center at City Hall.

Jim Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joel Thompson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Action Items:

- Peggy will look into a dedicated radio station to the trucking industry
- Sue will check with Jenny about printing informational fliers with a QR code on them which will automatically bring up the overweight truck permit information and website
- Jason’s office contact local businesses with information and to have them discourage trucks from going through Steward by suggesting an alternate route
- Mark will look into and work on updating/changing Google Maps, MapQuest, Garmin, TomTom, etc.
- Trucking Industry to prepare a list of concerns/suggestions and provide to the City Engineer prior to the next meeting