

**TRUCKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

The Rochelle Trucking Advisory Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on November 13, 2013 in the conference center at City Hall, 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Present on Roll Call were Committee members: Joel Thompson and KC McCann. Also present were City Engineer Sam Tesreau, Administrative Assistant Michelle Knight, Assistant to the City Manager Sue Messer, Police Chief Eric Higby, and Business, Industry, and Airport Manager Mark Delhotal.

**Minutes:** Joel Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2013 Trucking Advisory Commission meeting, KC McCann seconded. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Public Commentary:** Pat Burch brought a copy of the map that the Petro hands out to truck drivers. A better map needs to be made available for hand out. It was also discussed that most drivers use GPS rather than a map to find their way around. Knowing the name changes of businesses would be helpful with GPS and maps to be more accurate. Pat stated that truckers say the south bound turn lane on 38 onto 251 is not wide enough and that the stop light isn't long enough for them to make the turn. Pat also brought up the ability for a driver to get to the hospital with a semi.

**Business Items:**

- 1.) **Review what information has been gathered to provide 24/7/365 channels of communication between the City and trucking businesses.** Sue will follow up with Peggy about the radio station. Sue had a map with a QR code on it which takes you to the overweight permit website. It was discussed that the notes on the map need to highlight the weight limit for overpasses and bridges so they are more noticeable on the truck routes. Sue will check with Peggy to see if she has another map which shows where businesses are. Mark suggested having the businesses as a layover on an electronic version of the map.
- 2.) **Status on updating GPS with accurate property locations.** Mark has completed updating addresses with Google and MapQuest. Mark will follow up with Jason's office to see if they reached out to the local businesses.
- 3.) **Truck Routes.** Pat stated that Main Street had the turn radius and accommodations for trucks, but that Main is no longer a truck route. Sam mentioned Veterans Parkway is a better alternative for trucks to take access the southeast quadrant if Ave E to Wood Street. Furthermore, the Veterans Pkwy route was improved in 2012 and 2013 to provide more structure to the failing road. This improvement provided better ride ability as well. Sam went on to state that truck routes need to be in areas that don't impact a large portion of the residents or pedestrians. Furthermore, creating truck routes all over the City costs the tax payers more in maintenance and takes away much needed dollars from the Capital Improvements Fund for other improvements to residential streets and bridge infrastructure. The motor fuel tax revenue that the City receives is not based upon lane miles but rather the population of the residents of the City. Therefore those funds are limited. Much discussion was had about Main Street and whether it should or shouldn't be a truck route.

**Discussion Items:** Sam spoke with City Attorney Alan Cooper about the process of simplifying the Ordinance. At this time Alan has not had an opportunity to work on it. Alan did say that it isn't an issue

to change the ordinance to read that it is allowed to use an electronic device to provide proof of an overweight permit.

The next meeting is scheduled For Wednesday, February 12 at 2:30 in the conference center at City Hall.

Joel Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. KC McCann seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Action Items:

- Sue will follow up with Peggy to see what information she has on a dedicated radio station.
- Sue will ask Peggy for the map that shows where local businesses are.
- Mark will follow up with Jason's office as to the status of them reaching out to local businesses.