

Council Bill/General Ordinance No. 3009-2022

Sponsor: _____

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING Chapter 20, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 4 thereof, "THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS," by adding the intersection of Thirty-fifth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed this recommendation at a meeting held on April 5, 2022, and agrees with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1 – That Chapter 20, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 4 thereof, "THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS," by adding the intersection of Thirty-fifth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Section 2 – That pursuant to Section 1-1107 of the Moline Code of Ordinances, any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense.

Section 3 – That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval, and if required by law, publication in the manner provided for by law.

CITY OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS

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Mayor 16AB8EFE254D4...

Date May 24, 2022

Passed: May 24, 2022

Approved: June 7, 2022

Attest: 

City Clerk



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
3635 4th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Laura Klauer, Chairperson
Steve Regenwether
Matt Russell
Michael Schenk
Josh Whiting
Hollan Phillips

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order.** Laura Klauer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken with Laura Klauer, Steve Regenwether, Matt Russell, Michael Schenk, Josh Whiting, and Hollan Phillips present.
3. **Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of March 1st, 2022.** Motion to approve minutes by Schenk, seconded by Whiting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **RECONSIDERATION: Request to remove the traffic signal at the intersection of 7th Street and 18th Avenue and replace it with a 4-way stop.** Schenk began the meeting by apologizing to the Committee about not being clear in the March meeting as to why he recommended a traffic study at this intersection. This recommendation was based on guidance from the MUTCD which says you should do a study whenever you plan to install or decommission a traffic signal. Schenk discussed Section 2-2400 of the Code of Ordinances which outlines the authority of the Traffic Engineering Committee. This section outlines safety, pedestrian safety, and traffic control devices requiring an engineering study based on the Illinois Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Whiting stated that in his opinion, this intersection should function with either a traffic signal or a 4-way stop, as there would be line of sight issues with a 2-way stop. Whiting stated that in his opinion, Staff could do a small informal study to determine if a formal study would be necessary. Russell stated that he looked at accident history at this location and only two accidents were on record in the last 5 years: one involving a drunk driver and the other was a driver cutting off a fellow driver while it was turning causing a collision. Regenwether stated he was ok with an informal traffic study as long as it's acceptable with the MUTCD. Schenk stated that according to the Manual, if one wants to decommission a traffic signal, that an

engineering study is needed which would also determine if a 2-way or 4-way stop is needed. Whiting quoted a section from the MUTCD which mentioned engineering judgment can be used to determine whether a study is needed. Klauer read email comments from Ald. Wendt & Ald. Williams into the record.

Ald. Mike Wendt: "I would like to express my support for turning the traffic light at the corner of 7th street and 18th Ave to flashing red for 30 days. This will allow time to determine if there are any unforeseen problems with then removing the lights and replacing them with a four way stop. This will also give business 30 days to experience the change and provide any feedback to the city."

The intent to make the intersection safer for not only vehicles but also for pedestrians and bicyclists. Requiring all vehicles to slow down for the four way stop will make the pedestrians and bicyclists more comfortable and in the event of a collision the reduced speed will reduce the chance of serious injury.

It would be a waste of resources and time to engage a traffic study, which would most likely recommend a two way stop sign due to the lack of cross traffic on 18th Ave. This again would be contrary to what we are trying to accomplish."

Ald. Scott Williams: "I also support the 30 day trial period for a flashing traffic light at 7 and 18. This will give neighborhood businesses and residents the opportunity to weigh in on the change.

In this instance I also agree common sense dictates no need for a consultant."

Whiting made a motion to cancel the original suggestion of 30 days and do an informal in-house assessment of placing the signals in all-way flash mode for 2 hour increments, 2 mornings and 2 evenings, and have the Committee observe traffic. Schenk seconded for purposes of discussion. Regenwether stated that in order for the group to observe traffic together, that a special meeting would need called in order to not violate the Open Meetings Act. Regenwether felt that such would not be a valuable use of staff time. Schenk discussed what an engineering study by a consultant would entail. Whiting rescinded his motion. Schenk made a motion to engage a consultant for an engineering study to decide if a signal is warranted, and if not what is justified – a 4-way or 2-way stop. Whiting seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to change the intersection of 14th Street and 35th Avenue to an all-way stop location. Schenk made a motion to approve the request, Russell seconded. There was discussion. Russell stated this is a blind intersection. Schenk stated that line of sight is limited. Whiting recommended advanced warning for the new stop signs. Schenk recommended flags, flashing lights for a short time, and stop ahead signs. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to address on-street parking on the east side of 39th Street, from 2nd to 4th Avenue. There was discussion. Staff observed the location on Google Maps. Schenk discussed improving the boulevard on the east side of the road to provide

more room for parking. Klauer raised a concern of vehicles possibly parking on the sidewalk. Klauer also raised a concern of who would be responsible for providing and maintaining a boulevard parking area. Russell stated he would be willing to reach out to the owners of the snow plows, trucks with trailers, etc. that frequently park on the east side of the road. Snow plows, trailers, and other construction equipment are not allowed on any City street. Russell made a motion to table the request, stating he would reach out and provide enforcement in the area to gain compliance. Schenk seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other: Klauer brought up a request by the City's Public Works Department to install stop signs at the following intersections: 24th Avenue A and 29th Street, 24th Avenue A and 30th Street, 25th Avenue A and 29th Street, and 25th Avenue A and 30th Street. There was discussion. Russell stated there were no accidents recorded at any of these intersections in the last 10 years. Schenk cited a section of the MUTCD that stated where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law. There was discussion. Schenk stated that in his professional opinion stop signs are not necessary since there is no accidents history, which shows that vehicles are following normal right-of-way rules. Russell made a motion to deny the request. Schenk seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Russell, seconded by Whiting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Klauer
Civil Engineer

