

The Seymour Board of Aldermen met for a special meeting addressing Missouri Department of Transportation's U.S. Route 60 Intersection Improvements and Route C/K Interchange with Missouri State Senator, Curtis Trent at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 1:00 p.m. Mayor Alicia Hagen called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Jim Ashley, Nadine Crisp, Dan Wehmer, Bub Wallace. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also, present was City Administrator Hillary Elliott, Police Chief Steven Pogue, Executive Assistant Theresa Mitchell.

Alderman Wehmer introduced stakeholders present, Anthony Kelly with Dynamite Fireworks, Nick Collins and Heather Johns with The Seymour Bank, Todd Kleier with Kleier Farm and Home, Dick Carter, an advocate for the Amish Community, and Webster County Commissioner, Paul Ipock, .

Mayor Hagen addressed the safety concerns with MoDOT's proposed plan with only a single crossing over Highway 60.

Alderman Wallace too understood the safety concerns of why intersections will be closed and suggested J-turns.

Commissioner Ipock, addressed safety concerns with J-turns. Chief Pogue also mentioned J-turns will be dangerous with Amish traffic

Anthony Kelly suggested the west intersection remain open. Todd Kleier too suggested leaving the intersection open for his Amish clientele and commented the potential of Amish crossing the highway where not legally or safe to do so.

Commissioner Ipock commented on how the area is a widely agricultural community.

Dick Carter stated his wife is a nurse for the Amish midwives and last year, 123 Amish babies were delivered. One intersection affects response time and suggested a comprehensive plan for the area.

Senator Trent agreed that the consensus is to leave the west intersection open until there is funding for the second overpass. He also stated that there is stringent approaches to infrastructure rather than economy. He also explained that the Missouri Department of Transportation runs strictly off of tax revenue and is more of an independent department within the state. He also stated that he could request to meet with the Board of Transportation to express the concerns that were given.

Mayor Hagen spoke about the meeting MoDOT has scheduled for March 21, 2023, is just a formality. Dick Carter commented that there is no record of meetings as the one going to be held and that it is just a meet and greet.

Heather Johns expressed her concerns with delayed timing for emergency response.

Commissioner Ipock encouraged attendance for MoDOT's meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Wehmer made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Ashley second the motion.

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Mayor Alicia Hagen

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Executive Assistant Theresa Mitchell