

CITY OF KREBS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2023

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tommy Ray Walker
- B. ROLL CALL by W Kay Scott, City Treasurer. Tommy Walker – present, David Bailey – present, Jason Wagnon – Absent, Connie Poole – present, Dan Heathcock – present.
- C. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CHANGES TO TRAFFIC PATTERNS AROUND KREBS SCHOOL Mayor Walker asked Officer Aryn Cox to address the council. Officer Cox presented the council with Road Orientation maps and Street Sign requirements. The goal is to make road orientation, and with the street signs, would make it easier for drivers to know exactly where to go. Officer Cox explained that parents are blocking roads for 3 hours. She would like to have enough directional signs so that anyone would be able to see the correct street and direction to take. There is a major issue where Monroe and 4th Street meet. ON Monroe Street between the ballfield and the school building is school property and where it cuts across 4th Street to the Extended Care building is a major traffic jam. There are traffic jam after traffic jam with traffic going both ways and at the intersection. There are no speed limit signs around that area and it's too dangerous for 25 mph. Would like at least 10 mph signs and that may be too fast. Trying to prevent the congestion and the cross traffic.

Officer Cox would like One-Way, Wrong-Way, Right turn, Left turn, Cross Walk, and 10 mph street signs.

Recommendations : 5th Street from Lincoln to Hwy 31 – One way North bound
4th Street from Lincoln to Hwy 31 – One way North bound
Monroe from 4th Street to 3rd St – One way East bound
Close gates on Monroe from 6th Street to 4th Street during school hours

Have No Parking signs - No Parking Between 8 am – 3:15 pm / 4 pm – 7:30 am

Fifth Street is the most congested and has the heaviest traffic. All streets are narrow.

Extended care has traffic going both directions and it gets congested and dangerous at the intersection of 4th Street and Monroe Ave.

Councilman Bailey asked how many children are enrolled. Mr. Turner, school superintendent, stated that when he started in 2009 there were 360 students. Now there are 500 students.

All the parents will be given information on the routes for pickup. Extended care students are picked up at 3:05 pm and all other students are picked up at 3:25 pm.

No Parking signs would eliminate the streets being blocked by parents and grandparents who get there at 12:30 pm for a 3:15 pm or 3:25 pm pick up. Would like to have No Parking signs. Officer Cox stated that 4th Street is blocked by parents and the street shouldn't be impeded. If there was an emergency, there is no way that a fire truck could get down the street because it is blocked by

parents. Parents are driving too fast, more that 25 mph, weaving in an out, crossing traffic. I am there for 2-1/2 hours watching the traffic.

Councilwoman Poole asked if Officer Cox wanted to change the speed limit from 25 mph to 10 mph? Correct. Per Police Chief Dennis Cook, a resolution would need to be adopted. Officer Cox stated that would be all the time and specifically 4th and 5th Streets because even after school hours we have kids running around the area. Parents are afraid that their children will get hit by a car because it's too fast around the area.

Chief Cook stated there would be costs for the signs. Mr. Turner stated that the school would provide the No Parking signs and can paint the crosswalks.

Officer Cox would like to add a crosswalk on the northside of Monroe Ave.

School starts on August 10, 2023. The first couple of weeks are very chaotic until the parents get used to the pattern.

Connie Poole made a motion to accept the changes. Dan Heathcock seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole – yes, David Bailey – yes. Motion passed.

- D. ADJOURN. Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Dan Heathcock made the motion to adjourn. David Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole – yes, David Bailey – yes. Motion passed to adjourn.