



City Council Meeting

October 28, 2008

Staff Report

Topic; 2nd Street Diagonal Parking Issue
Department; Transportation

Staff; Scott Smith

Overview;

At the October 14, 2008 Council Meeting I presented a staff report to the Council regarding the issue of the existing diagonal parking at the intersection of NW 2nd Street and N Main Street. The City of Prineville Traffic Safety Committee had received a formal complaint regarding possible safety issues related to the diagonal parking on the north side of 2nd St. at this intersection. Mr. Jim Van Voorhees a member of the Traffic Safety Committee filed this complaint and also voiced his concern to the Council during this meeting.

After discussion among the Council and staff along with Mr. Van Voorhees testimony the Council directed staff to visit with other business owners in the area for their recommendation and thoughts on this subject.

On October 22, 2008 I met with Mr. Van Voorhees, Sharon McPhetridge co-owner of Prineville Athletic Club, John Marsh owner of Dad's Place at the intersection of 2nd & Main. Jim Lane owner of Prineville Men's Wear was unable to attend. After Mr. Van Voorhees and myself explaining the history of this issue to Sharon and John we asked for their recommendation.

Both Sharon and John first stated that on street parking in this area is at a premium. Both felt that removing the first diagonal parking stall which would put the City in compliance with the AASHTO manual should be the remedy at this time. All three business owners recommended that City staff monitor this intersection after change is made and if further change is necessary we would reconvene again. Jim Lane did verbally by phone recommend to me that he was in agreement with this change.

By making this slight change the City of Prineville will be in compliance with State and Federal sight distance requirements and not be held liable if an accident should occur at this site.

The estimated cost to make this change is \$150.00

Staff recommends that the Council direct staff to make this change. Staff will monitor the site and visit with the business owners again at the first of the year and would be happy to report back to the Council at that time their findings.