

Midway City Council
19 October 2021
Regular Meeting

Streetlights / Discussion

Memo



Date: October 19, 2021
To: Midway City Council
From: Michael Henke
Re: Street Lights

Midway City has been exploring the future of streetlights in the city and how to maintain the balance between having lights and trying to maintain dark skies. Per the Midway City Standards Specifications and Drawings, streetlights are required at intersections and at the end of each cul-de-sac. Heber City recently amended their requirement to only require streetlights where a road intersects with a collector. Wasatch County is also considering making a change to their ordinance that could reduce the number of streetlights.

Midway City staff have discussed whether our requirements should be adjusted as well. In consultation with Jason Norlen, general manager at Heber Light & Power, it was suggested that we continue to require the lights per our current requirement, but we as a city can work with Heber Light & Power to dim or turn lights off, depending on our city lighting strategy. According to Jason, the new lighting fixtures that are being installed have internal modules that allow them to be dimmed or turned off. Jason's concern was that if we forgo light poles now and a need arises for them at a later date (increased accidents, crime, public safety, etc.), the cost of installing new poles will be much more significant once curbs, sidewalks and landscaping are installed. Wes Johnson, Midway City Engineer, agrees with this direction and is corresponding with Heber Light & Power to better understand the process for dimming or turning the lights off.

We would like to discuss this approach with the city council to ensure that there is support in continuing forward in this manner.

Please contact me or Wes if you have any questions.