

Questions about safety of city intersection return to council

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Describing the busy intersection at Highway 47 and Fourth Street as bad, resident Ken Christensen asked the Gothenburg City Council to do something before an accident happens.

“I’m a concerned citizen,” he told council members during open forum at their June 7 meeting. “I’m asking if you can put it on the agenda.”

The council agreed with Christensen that the intersection is busy and dangerous.

Christensen suggested the installation of a traffic light which city administrator Bruce Clymer said was expensive to put in and maintain.

Clymer reminded the council that they had discussed the intersection before, most recently at the request of concerned Baldwin Filters officials.

Many employees of Baldwin Filters, located three blocks south, travel through the intersection daily.

State highway officials were contacted and a study completed but nothing resulted from it, Clymer said.

However a left turning lane for southbound motorists from Highway 47 onto Fourth Street was installed.

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Council president Jeff Kennedy said the council would have to request another study which state highway officials would have to approve.

Mayor Joyce Hudson suggested that maybe something could be done at another location on Highway 47 such as where it intersects with First Street.

She told Christensen that his request would be put on a future agenda.

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