

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27, 2015
Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Michael Engelberger, Alderpersons, Tim Swadley, and Regina Hirsch, Mayor Donna Olson, Police Chief Greg Leck, EMS Director Schimelpfenig, and Fire Chief Scott Wagner

Guests: Judge Matt Roethe, Dennis Mandt, Bill Roelofs, Martin Cue, Linda Bradley, Jeff Bradley, Jon Halverson, Steve Castleburg, and Robert Dewey.

Call to Order: Chair Engelberger called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Communications: HR/Risk Management Director AJ Gillingham updated the Committee on the latest information from CVMIC regarding not fencing detention ponds and water ways. Gillingham stated that CVMIC's position has not changed and they strongly recommend that we do not fence any of the city water ways. Gillingham state reiterated that if there are concerns regarding events at Rotary Park then the recommendation would be to change the venue of those events. Mayor Olson provided information in reference to a past incident at Rotary Park and expressed her agreement with CVMIC's recommendation.

Police Chief Leck reported that there are approximately 10-12 people signed up already for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. The Academy will be held on Thursday nights starting September 3rd.

Approval of the July 22, 2015 Public Safety Minutes:

Motion by Swadley, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015 Public Safety Meeting, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0

Old Business

Request from Town of Deerfield to be included with the Stoughton Municipal Court.

Dennis Mandt & Bill Roelof addressed the committee on the Town of Deerfield request to join the Stoughton Municipal Court. Mandt provided a letter from the Town of Dunkirk indicating that they did not oppose the addition of the Town of Deerfield. Judge Roethe reiterated comments and concerns he had expressed in a memo to the committee (see memo). Judge Roethe's concerns centered around the Court Clerks' time, considering that the Clerk is a 29 hour a week position. Discussion followed about the number of cases that could be presented and limited court fees that could be charged. Jon Halverson, owner/operator of the quarry that is at the center of the Town of Deerfield's dispute addressed the committee and expressed that he is not in violation of his current conditional use permit. Since the discuss started to involve particulars of the potential case, Judge Roethe recused himself from the room while that discussion occurred.

Motion by Swadley, to deny the request from the Town of Deerfield to b included with the Stoughton Municipal court, second by Olson. Motion carried 4-0.

Pedestrian Safety Discussion

Chief Leck advised that the Streets Dept. will be experimenting with some new pavement markings on Highway 51 & Main Street to enhance visibility of pedestrian crossings. Further discussion will follow at upcoming meetings.

New Business

Application for Agent Change for Ultra Foods Mart, LLC d/b/a Pick N Save # 6390.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the agent change, second by Hirsch. No discussion occurred. Motion carried 4-0.

Application for Agent Change for Agent Change for Kwik Trip, INC d/b/a Kwik Trip Store # 738

Motion by Swadley, to approve the agent change, second by Hirsch to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer License and Special Event License for the St. Ann's Fall Festival.

Presentation by Linda Bradley on this year's Festival. No major changes from years past.

Motion by Olson, to approve the temporary retailer's license and special event license, second by Swadley. Motion carried 4-0.

Application for an Operator License: Cue, Martin

Chair Engelberger offered a closed session to Mr. Cue. Mr. Cue waived his right to closed session. Chief Leck reiterated his recommendation for denial based on Cue being a convicted Felon (Drugs) and prior OMVWI arrests. Cue then addressed the committee on his past and stated that he has learned his lesson and wishes to act as a regional trouble shooter for several bowling alleys. Hirsch asked if Cue had completed all his required assessments and treatments from the past OWI arrest. Cue stated that he had. Chief Leck then pointed out the Cue's driving status was still revoked do to non-compliance from the 2012 violation. Cue then clarified that he has not yet completed his required assessments but is going to within the next few months.

Motion by Olson, to deny the application for an Operator license, second by Swadley. Motion carried 4-0.

Application for Operator License: Thomas, Emily

Motion by Swadley, to table until the applicant could become available, second by Hirsch. Discussion followed that the matter will be rescheduled due to this meeting having been moved from its regular time and date. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for Class A (Cider Only) License for both Kwik Trip Stores

Motion by Swadley, to table until Kwik Trip representatives could become available, second by Hirsch. Discussion reschedule to next meeting as store representatives could not be present. Motion carried 4-0.

Quarterly EMS Financials Update

EMS Director Schimelpfenig addressed the Committee and discussed the EMS midyear financial status. Schimelpfenig reported that numbers are on track and slightly ahead. She reported 838 calls and 20625 hours of call time through July. No action was taken.

Discussion and Possible Action to reconsider parking limitations on Olson Court.

Chief Leck opened the discussion by explaining that back in April the Committee and Council approved restricting parking on Olson Court. Parking was intended to be restricted to one side only. Chief Leck advised that he has received resident feedback and that the restricting of parking on one side would be a hardship to some residents. That was the reason for reconsidering the issue. Also appearing was Steve Castleberg of Olson Court Apartments and Robert Dewey, a resident in the 300 block of Olson Court. Mr. Castleberg wanted the committee to be aware that Olson Court Apartments drive is privately owned and certified maps indicate that the drive extends several feet north on Olson Court. Mr. Dewey was concerned about loss of parking in front of his residence. Chief Leck stated that after hearing from concerned parties and discussions with Street Superintendent Manthe, he is proposing that parking only be restricted on the city portion of Olson Court on both sides for approximately 12 feet. This would help to alleviate concerns for Fire & EMS vehicles making access to the circular drive of Olson Court Apartments. Fire Chief Wegner commented on his support and explained the challenges of moving vehicles around the circular drive.

Motion by Swadley, to restrict parking on Olson Court from the property line to 12 feet north on both sides of the street, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Action in regards to US HWY 51 Corridor Study update from WI DOT

Motion by Hirsch, to table and hold a special meeting on September 8th at 5:00 pm to discuss this matter, second by Swadley. Discussion followed on the need for more information and to have Planning Director Scheel present at the next meeting. Committee desires to quickly get a recommendation to the Council so that it can be presented to WI DOT yet this September. Motion carried 4-0.

Future agenda items:

-Special Meeting for 5:00 pm on September 8th to discuss Hwy 51 Corridor Study

-Pedestrian Safety

Adjournment

Motion by Swadley, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Hirsch. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.