

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Michael Engelberger, Alderpersons, Regina Hirsch, Scott Truehl, Tim Swadley, and Mayor Donna Olson

Guests: Greg Leck, Sherry Johnson, and Laura Anderson

Call to Order: Chair Engelberger called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Communications: None

Approval of the October 28, 2015 Public Safety Minutes:

Motion by Truehl, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 Public Safety Meetings, second by Swadley. Motion carried 5-0

Application for an Operator License: Johnson, Sherry

Sherry Johnson addressed the committee regarding the denial for her application to receive an Operator license. Chief Leck noted that he denied the application due to an unpardoned felony charge that occurred 20 years prior. Hirsch stated that as long as she had completed all of her required courses with any charge that her application shouldn't be denied for a conviction from 20 years ago.

Motion by Swadley, to approve the application for an Operator License: Johnson, Sherry, second by Hirsch. Motion failed 3-2, with Engelberger, Truehl and Mayor Olson voting no.

Request to review potential traffic conflicts at 400 S Van Buren Street

Chief Leck explained to the committee that this address is the site of a potential new apartment complex and that the Planning Commission had referred this item to the Public Safety Committee for its input. Committee discussion centered around potential parking/traffic problems with the creation of this new building. Chief Leck explained that he has no current concerns with the parking or traffic, although the traffic may become congested at certain times of the day. The committee couldn't see any potential traffic or parking problems at this time, but can't truly assess the problem until the construction is complete.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the current building plan along with the installation of sidewalks, second by Swadley. Motion carried 5-0.

Request to review parking issues/ concerns at Main Street

Engelberger stated that this request had come from the Yahara River Co-op Grocery Store regarding the on-street parking in front of the store. Laura Anderson, a representative from the grocery store stated she has had many customers complain about the lack of parking in front of the store. She also proposed that three parking stalls in front of the store be restricted to thirty minute parking only. Committee discussion continued regarding this potential change. The committee decided to discuss this issue further after the new year with the other business owners, from that block, and to also direct City staff to draft an preliminary parking ordinance for committee review.

Future agenda items:

- Neighborhood Watch Procedures
- Best Practices for Temporary Liquor Licenses
- Sidewalk specifications

Adjournment

Motion by Truehl, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Swadley. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 6:26 p.m.