

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Michael Engelberger, Greg Jenson, Dennis Kittleson, Scott Truehl, and Mayor Donna Olson

Guests: Police Chief Greg Leck, EMS Director Lisa Schimelpfenig, Teressa Pellett, Dennis Lange, Cathy Kalina, Sharon Mason-Boersma, Vik Malling, Joe Crubaugh, Municipal Judge Matt Roethe, and Court Clerk Mary Giezma

Call to Order: Engelberger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Communications: None

Election of Committee Chair:

Michael Engelberger was nominated to be the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

Election of Committee Vice Chair:

Greg Jenson was nominated to be the Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Set Meeting Dates & Times:

The Public Safety Committee meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Approval of the March 30, 2016 Public Safety Minutes :

Motion by Jenson, to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2016 Public Safety Meeting, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0

Quarterly EMS Financials Update:

EMS Director Lisa Schimelpfenig gave the Committee an overview of the first quarter financials for 2016. She noted that the EMS department has been busy with calls and the operating budget is currently in the black.

Discussion on Stoughton Liquor Licensing Renewal Procedures:

Chief Leck discussed the Stoughton Liquor Licenses procedures and processes. He explained that the renewal period for all of the liquor licenses and operator licenses has started and that all current licenses will expire on June 30. The Committee asked that Attorney Dregne give the Council an overview on Council's role/ responsibility towards approving/ denying licenses at the June 14, 2016 Common Council Meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the amendment to City of Stoughton Municipal Ordinance 70-195 adding sub section (3), relating to restricted parking on the 200 block of East Main Street:

Chief Leck explained that the ordinance amendment comes from a request of a downtown merchant to change the parking, for three parking stalls, on the 200 block of East Main from two hour parking to thirty minute parking. Leck explained that he contacted the various business owners so that they could be invited to the meeting to discuss the possible effect of this parking change. Chief Leck explained how the parking restriction could be enforced, should it change. Dennis Lange, from the Cinema Café, expressed concerns with the current two hour parking for his patrons. He also expressed concerns with the parking lot behind the cinema. Jenson asked about a possible addition of a Community Service Officer to help enforce the parking restrictions. Chief Leck said that it would be a position that would consistently take care of parking management and would be a non-sworn officer.

Jenson stated that this ordinance should be sent to Council to discuss. Motion by Jenson, to deny the ordinance change and to send to Council for consideration, second by Truehl. Motion carried 3-1, with Engelberger voting no and Kittleson abstaining.

Discussion on Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s license Best Practices:

Chief Leck gave an overview on the list of Best Practices that are currently being recommended to organizations who wish to serve alcohol at one/two day events. He explained that some of the practices are dictated by local ordinance for the Special Event license and some practices could not be enforced from a legal standpoint. Committee asked that Chief Leck prepare a policy change for the Stoughton Special Event Licenses and present for Committee discussion/consideration.

Discussion and possible action on a modification to the fee distribution agreement between the Stoughton Municipal Court and the Town of Pleasant Springs:

Municipal Judge Matt Roethe explained that the Town of Pleasant Springs along with the City of Stoughton wish to amend the current Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the fees associated with the Municipal Court. This agreement would allow traffic violations in the town to be handled in the Stoughton Municipal Court. The town and City both met on April 6, 2016 to discuss a possible fee change; that is the City would keep \$33 of a \$100 traffic violation citation.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the modification to the fee distribution agreement between the Stoughton Municipal Court and the Town of Pleasant Springs, second by Jenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Request for an Agent Change for Wal-Mart Store #1176 located at 1800 Highway 51 West:

Chief Leck explained that the current manager, who is also the agent for the liquor license, no longer works there. This would allow the new manager to be the agent on the license.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the agent change for Wal-Mart Store #1176, second by Truehl. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding downtown parking restrictions:

This item was discussed along with the proposed ordinance change earlier in the meeting.

Discussion on Dane County District Attorney’s “No Hit” Program:

Chief Leck explained that this program would allow the City’s public places to be dedicated as “no hit” zones. This policy has been started by the Wisconsin District Attorney’s office and other public places are adopting this philosophy as well. This would encourage other forms of problem solving other than hitting or becoming physically violent. Chief Leck stated that signage could be made in-house or grant monies could be applied for.

Motion by Jenson, to recommend that Council adopt the City of Stoughton as a “no hit” zone, second by Truehl. Motion carried 5-0.

Future agenda items:

- Neighborhood Watch Procedures- presentation by Sgt Hartwig
- Parking Issues on Main Street
- Leaf Burning added to ordinance
- Ordinance Amendment- Chapter 58-10 Hedges & Bushes
- Liquor Best Practices for Temporary Retailer’s Licenses
- “No Hit” Zone explanation/ presentation- Amy Brown/ WI District Attorney’s Office

Adjournment:

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Truehl. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m.