

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Council Chambers, Public Safety Building

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

Absent: Mayor Olson

Guests: Planning Director Scheel, Police Chief Greg Leck, City Clerk Kropf, EMS Director Lisa Schimelpfenig and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Call to Order: Engelberger called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Communications:

Chief announced that the 2nd annual K-9 Fundraiser will be held on August 27, 2016 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Troll Beach. This fundraiser would allow owners and their pets to go for a swim at Troll Beach.

EMS Quarterly Financial Update

EMS Director Schimelpfenig gave the committee an overview of the second quarter revenues and expenditures. She noted that the EMS department has obtained approximately 54% of their projected revenues and is on track to remain within the 2016 budget. No action was taken.

Operator License Application- Mathew York

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

Motion by Truehl, to deny the operator license application for Mathew York and refer to Council for consideration, second by Jenson. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of the July 27, 2016 Public Safety Committee Minutes

Motion by Jenson, to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting, second by Truehl. Motion carried 3-0.

Agent Change for PDQ Store #132 to Erica Heinrich

Clerk Kropf explained that the current agent on the license was the former manager of the store and that Erica had been hired to take his place. She explained that the site manager is typically the agent on any intoxicating liquor license, as they are completing the day-to-day duties associated with holding an intoxicating liquor license.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the agent change for PDQ #132 to Erica Heinrich and to refer to Council for consideration, second by Jenson. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Citizen Action Request: Request for a placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Hoel Ave and Milwaukee St

Chief Leck explained that a Citizen Action Request (CAR) had been filed with him requesting that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Hoel Ave and Milwaukee St. He noted that this area would include the new addition to the Nordic Ridge Development.

Motion by Jenson, to approve the placement of a stop sign at Hoel Ave and Milwaukee St and to direct staff to draft an ordinance, second by Truehl. Chief Leck noted that he would draft the ordinance and bring back for the Committee's consideration. Motion carried 3-0.

Aldersperson Kittleson joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Citizen Action Request: Request to remove bike lane and current parking restrictions on Kings Lynn Rd between Jackson St and Roby Rd

Police Chief Greg Leck explained that he had received a CAR to possibly remove the bike lane on both sides of Kings Lynn Rd between Jackson St and Roby Rd and to also remove the parking restriction on the west side of the street. Planning Director Scheel gave an overview of how the street is currently constructed and where the lines are for both the parking and bike lanes. He further explained that this street had been resurfaced and painting of the lines was being held until a decision had been made.

Citizens who spoke in favor of the change included:

Mark Johnson; 509 Kings Lynn Rd
Paul Lord; 601 Kings Lynn Rd
David Mall; 708 Kings Lynn Rd
Deb Padfield; 617 Kings Lynn Rd
Richard MacDonald; 524 Kings Lynn Rd
Don Furseth; 608 Kings Lynn Rd
Christina Ashworth; 612 Kings Lynn Rd
Joe Irving; 532 Kings Lynn Rd
Greg Menting; 916 Kings Lynn Rd

Citizens who spoke in opposition of the change included:

Susan Badtke; 915 Kings Lynn Rd
Steve Albrechtsen; 908 Kings Lynn Rd
Nancy Hagen; 3505 Halverson Dr
Joni Dean; 3045 Linnerud Dr
Bob Diebel; 316 Grant St
Jim Post; 3234 Old Stone Rd
Todd Marcotte; 2033 Melaas Cir
Darin Harper; Address Unknown

Citizens in favor of the change spoke of using the multi-use path around Virgin Lake and questioned why the bike path on Kings Lynn Rd did not connect with any other path. They also spoke of the safety concerns with the limited parking and the speeding issues that it creates. Those in opposition noted that the multi-use path would have to be shared with pedestrians and were concerned with bikers using sidewalks as a riding space.

Truehl explained that he would be in favor of allowing parking on both sides of the street and removing the bike path. He further explained that this stretch of road doesn't connect the bike lane with any other streets and would recommend parking on both sides of the street until that time when the connecting streets did have bike lanes.

Recreation Director Tom Lynch reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee had discussed the removal of the bike lane and voted to keep the parking and bike lane as it is currently. Jenson, Kittleson, and Engelberger spoke in favor of keeping the parking restrictions and bike path as it currently is. They also noted that the restrictions and bike path should continue north of Roby Rd past Felland St.

Motion by Kittleson, to keep the bike paths and parking restriction on Kings Lynn Rd between Jackson St and Roby Rd as is, but to also extend the bike lane and parking restrictions to approximately 150 feet north of Felland St, second by Jenson. Planning Director Scheel explained that an ordinance change would be at the next Council meeting as a first reading for the change. Motion carried 3-1, with Truehl voting no.

The Public Safety Committee took a recess at 7:21 p.m.

The Public Safety Committee reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Citizen Action Request: Request to add stop signs and reconstruct pedestrian cross-walk at the intersection of South Fifth Street and North Street

Chief Leck explained that a CAR for this had been filed with his office as well. John Morgan; 101 S 5th St and Brett Schmidt; 100 S 5th St, spoke in favor of adding additional stop signs at the intersection of South Fifth St and North St. They also spoke of the safety concerns regarding the lack of cut-outs in the curbs for pedestrian crosswalks.

Chief Leck explained that he could amend the ordinance to add the additional stop signs at that intersection, but the curb cuts would have to be considered by the Public Works department.

Motion by Jenson, to amend the ordinance to install stop signs at the intersection of South Fifth St and North St and to refer to Council for consideration, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jenson, to refer the recommendation of curb cuts and crosswalk installation to the Public Works Department, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Approval of Hunting Permit Process

Chief Leck explained that the property at Settler's Point Park can be used for hunting and trapping based on the State of Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. It indicated to the committee that there currently is not a permitting process in place for anyone who wishes to hunt or trap on that land. He explained that the committee could either implement a permitting process or direct staff to amend the ordinance to eliminate the permitting process. Kittleson and Jenson expressed concerns with not having a permit in place. They noted that it would be safer if the City knew who was using the land. Clerk Kropf indicated that in October 2015 that committee did approve a permit price of \$30 and asked how long a permit would be good for. The committee indicated that the licensing period would be from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the permit fee and licensing period for the permit, second by Jenson. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment:

Motion by Truehl, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m.