

PUBLIC PROPERTY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nic Levendusky, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Alex Olson (arrived at 6:20)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Brey

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Muenzenmeyer, Gregg Kadow, Tony Dick, David Less, Todd Blaser, Pastor Matthew Sauer, Olivia Sauer, Steve Eckley, Michael Huck

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chairman McMeans.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the Police-Fire Chaplain Program. Officer Steve Eckley passed out information sheets to the Committee. Office Eckley and Pastor Sauer informed the Committee of the need and benefits of the program. After a lengthy discussion involving liability, budget impact, and necessity of the program, Ald. Hennessey made a motion to recommend formation of the program and to forward to the full Council for approval. After Ald. Olson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous to approve and to send to the Council.

The second item taken up by the Committee was a discussion of the Manitowoc Yacht Club lease. Mike Huck explained that the Yacht Club wanted to expand their kitchen and that the lease with the City may have to be modified in order to do so. City Planner David Less explained to the Committee the background of the lease and its shortcomings. It was decided that the Committee should consult with City Attorney Ruenzel before asking Mike Huck to set up a meeting with the Club. Secretary Muenzenmeyer will obtain and distribute the value of the Yacht Club building and land separately after conferring with the City Assessor.

The next item taken up was a discussion of a second Canine unit for the Manitowoc Police Department. Police Chief Tony Dick passed out an information sheet to show just how close he was to securing the necessary \$30,000.00 match for a grant from the West Foundation. A long discussion ensued about the costs for operating canine units, the opportunity of getting two years of funding, the issues associated with fund-raising, and the effectiveness of the canine units. Ald. Hennessey made a motion to go ahead with the second canine unit and to pass the request to the full Council. Ald. Levendusky seconded the motion. The vote to approve and to send to the Council passed three to one with Ald. Olson voting against.

The next item was a discussion on a lease agreement between the City of Manitowoc and City Centre, LLC. Harbor Master Mike Huck gave the Committee an overview of the lease and why having it in place now was necessary to secure a large grant to improve the seawall. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Levendusky to approve the lease with Ald. McMeans providing a second. The vote to approve the lease was unanimous.

The last item on the agenda was a request from August Krieser regarding granting Copps grocery store an award for ADA accessibility. After the Committee discussed selection criteria and frequency of award, Ald. Olson made a motion to give Copps the award; Ald. Hennessey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer
Secretary