

Public Property & Safety Committee - REVISED

May 22, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Scott McMeans, Alderman Tyler Martell, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey arrived at 6:05 PM

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Dick, Fire Chief Manis, City Engineer Val Mellon, City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel

Alderman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Chairman Brey introduced the new members of the committee: Alderman Tyler Martell and Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

Alderman McMeans made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2012 meeting of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on Request (12-219) from Andrew Swetlik to reduce invoice for large spill on February 16, 2012 from \$500 to \$250.

Chairman Brey read Mr. Swetlik's letter requesting the reduction of the invoice. Chief Manis explained there were some inaccuracies in Mr. Swetlik's letter. The situation was considered a large spill, not a small spill. All fluids except the gasoline leaked from the vehicle. This occurred at the intersection of S.17th and Dewey Streets. Alderman McMeans made a motion to deny the request. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Manis will send a letter to Mr. Swetlik explaining the committee's decision and a possible payment plan.

Discussion and possible action on Request (12-225) from Alderperson Schema on behalf of Joe Bauknecht to purchase city owned parking lot on Buffalo Street. This information was placed on file as Mr. Bauknecht was no longer interested in this purchase.

Discussion and possible action on Document (12-309) from Police Chief Tony Dick relating to potential changes to the fine/bond structure for stolen property. Chief Dick and Attorney Ruenzel presented information regarding the potential changes to the fine/bond structure for stolen property. Municipal Court would be utilized more which would reduce the work load for the District Attorney's office and Circuit Court. Alderman McMeans made a motion to have the City Attorney

draft an Ordinance relating to Chief Dick's proposal of bond structure and bring to Council for approval. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on Document (12-310) from Municipal Court Judge Steve Olson relating to potential changes to the fine/bond structure for stolen property. This item was discussed in conjunction with the previous item on the agenda.

Report by Fire Chief Bill Manis on summer staffing for the fire department. Chief Manis updated the Committee regarding 2012 overtime budgeted and used, and staffing at the Fire Dept. Alderman McMeans and Alderman Brey expressed their appreciation for the Chief's work on this. Alderman McMeans asked about the possibility of using volunteers. The Chief explained they do by virtue of the pager/recall system.

Discussion on South 35th Street and Viebahn Street communications tower. Alderman Brey briefed the new Alderpersons on this previously discussed topic. The City Attorney is in the process of drafting a proposal and will continue. City Engineer Mellon expressed her concern of the safety of the tower. Chief Manis stated there is an opportunity for 'Wiscom' to utilize this tower.

There being no further business, Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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