

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 26th, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey and Alderman Tyler Martell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Scott McMeans (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Tony Dick, Fire Chief Bill Manis, Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel, Lisa Mueller

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brey at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2013 committee meeting.

Motion by Sitkiewitz. Second by Martell to approve the minutes.

No Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Public Input.

None.

Public input session closed.

Discussion and possible action on request from Holy Family Memorial Hospital to reduce ambulance bill.

Fire Chief Manis's recommendation is to write-off the ambulance bill.

Motion by Hennessey to approve the chief's recommendation. Second by Sitkiewitz. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on request by Alderman Martell regarding pawnbroker policies.

Discussion. Assistant City Attorney McDaniel explains the intent of the ordinance, Section 11.105 (7) of the Manitowoc Municipal Code, is to inspect records related to sales of pawned goods. Motion by Hennessey to direct Assistant City Attorney McDaniel to draft an amendment to the ordinance to reflect this. Second by Martell. Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on request from Police Chief Dick to fill police officer vacancies.

Motion by Sitkiewitz to approve Police Chief Dick's request. Second by Hennessey. No discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance (12-706) to repeal Section 3.130 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code relative to Safety, Traffic & Parking Commission.

Chairman Brey provides a brief history of the agenda item. Discussion. Motion by Sitkiewitz to adopt the ordinance change to repeal the commission. Second by Martell. Hennessey does not support the motion stating people are still willing to serve. Martell agrees. Motion fails 3-1. Nays (Hennessey, Martell, Brey). Aye (Sitkiewitz).

Discussion. Motion by Hennessey to eliminate the downtown merchant representative and downtown consumer representative provisions from the ordinance. Martell second. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion. Motion by Hennessey to amend the ordinance to reduce the committee to 7-members inclusive of the Police Chief and the Fire Chief or their designee as voting members. Discussion. Hennessey amends motion to reflect reducing the committee to 7-members inclusive of the Police Chief and the Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee as voting members. Martell second. Discussion. Clarification by Assistant City Attorney McDaniel that the 7-members are to include 4-citizens at large, the Police Chief or designee, the Director of Public Infrastructure or designee and the Chairperson of the Public Property and Safety committee.

Chairman Brey restates the motion. The City Attorney's office is instructed to redraft the ordinance to reduce the committee to 7 members (4-citizens at large, the Police Chief or designee, the Director of Public Infrastructure or designee and the Chairperson of the Public Property and Safety committee) with staggered 3 year terms; the Police Chief or their designee and the Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee shall serve as voting members; and the downtown merchant representative and downtown consumer representative provisions shall be eliminated from the ordinance as previously approved.

Motion carries 3-1. Ayes (Hennessey, Martell, Brey). Nay (Sitkiewitz).

Motion by Hennessey to place agenda item (12-706) to repeal Section 3.130 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code relative to Safety, Traffic & Parking Commission on file. Second by Brey. No Discussion. Motion carries 3-1. Ayes (Hennessey, Martell, Brey). Nay (Sitkiewitz).

There being no further business, motion by Sitkiewitz and second by Hennessey to adjourn. No discussion. All were in favor. Committee adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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