

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
06/26/13 Meeting MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Chair Eric Sitkiewitz, Vice Chair Tyler Martell, Dave Soeldner, Al Schema. Excused: Scott McMeans

Staff Present: Fire Chief Bill Manis, Deputy Chief Bridget Brennan, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Sitkiewitz
2. Schema made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15th 2013 committee meeting. Seconded by Martell. Motion carried 4-0
3. No Public Input
4. Discussed Communication **(13-255)** from Associated Bank regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Franklin and S. 12th Street (due to the speed at which cars are traveling and the limited visibility caused by parked cars) and their request for either a 4-way stop or a no parking zone. Koski reported that this intersection does not meet the criteria to warrant a 4-way stop but he would be in favor of No Parking. However, he also reported that cars are parking right up to the corner but legally there should be no parking within 25' from where the curb lines intersect. Further discussion included the painting of parking stalls which could be done reasonably cheap. **Soeldner made a motion for striping of the South Side of Franklin and East Side of S. 12th per Engineering Department's recommendation. (By Monday Engineering is to return the recommendation for council, with the cost attached) Seconded by Schema. Motion carried 4-0**
5. Discussed Communication **(13-286)** from Manitowoc Ice requesting removal of the 2-hour parking limitation on the east side of 26th Street south of Dewey Street. **Soeldner made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Martell. Motion carried 4-0**
6. Discussed Communication **(13-291)** from Demetrios Panergakos about the billing he received from Fire Department for clean-up of hazardous waste. Chief Manis explained that Mr. Panergakos was involved in an accident and MFD charged him \$250 clean up fee and \$100 disposal fee for the hazardous waste and Mr. Panergakos is requesting that the \$100 disposal fee be waived since the hazardous waste was placed in his vehicle. Chief Manis went on to explain that most of the time the vehicle owner is gone in the ambulance when clean up occurs and the hazardous waste is put in the trunk of the vehicle. Chris Wallace, owner of a local towing business, stated that the fee is excessive and if the city charges a hazardous waste disposal fee then the city should be disposing that hazardous waste. **Soeldner made a motion to write off the \$100 disposal fee charged to Mr. Panergakos. Seconded by Schema. Motion carried 4-0**
Also discussed was the procedure for dispatching tow trucks in which Brennan reported that it is done by rotation except when the person requests a particular business. The use of Hwy 42 Towing, located outside the city limits, was questioned and Brennan explained that they are needed for trains and bigger vehicles that the other towing businesses do not have the capability to move. The committee will look at the towing eligibility requirements at a future meeting and invite Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel.
7. Schema made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Soeldner. Motion carried 4-0

Minutes taken by D. Duane