

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**10/16/13 Meeting MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Bridget Brennan, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Kadow    Public Present: D. Klinger, B. Ferguson, R. Bukowski, S. LeClair, I. Zyznius

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by E. Sitkiewitz
2. No Public Input
3. A. Schema made a motion to approve 9/30/13 minutes. Seconded by T. Martell. Motion carried 4-0
4. Discussed the 2014 Proposed City Budget as it relates to the Public Safety Committee which included: \$100,000 cut to MFD budget (if PFC hires outside department will have to let go of one of the DCs) Squad car life (Ran 24/7 = Hard Usage. Sitkiewitz would like to see vehicles on operational side of budget, not borrowing side. (Committee wants to come and see squads) \$25,000 clean up fee (Still there in MFD budget) List in proposed budget for Fire \$22,000 Salaries (Safer Grant) Lifequest contract = 2 more years. COPS grant (still 2 open positions) Technology updates (starting to update radios...need 70 to cover staff) IP cards up by end of month. EVOC training right now at LTC (New vs. Old Ford is remarkable) T. Martell wants meaningful changes in MFD (Privatizing ambulance - Volunteer Fire Depts - Paid on Call) It is one of the biggest budgets, ongoing discussions need to be had.
5. Discussed request (13-427) from Lifequest Billing for adjustment of ambulance bill of call number 182-12-0779 for service on March 19, 2012 in the amount of \$776.32. T. Blaser reported that it falls within the policy/procedures to waive. He also explained that Lifequest follows the same hardship policy as Holy Family and Aurora. A. Schema made a motion to APPROVE REQUEST. Seconded by E. Sitkiewitz. Motion carried 3-0 (McMeans abstained due to HFMMC ee)
6. Discussed communication (13-464) from Mayor Nickels relative to the feasibility of sharing services or merging of fire protection services and EMS for Manitowoc and Two Rivers. NO ACTION/PLACE ON FILE
7. Discussed communication (13-495) from Ruth Bukowski relative to number of EMS calls from a particular address in her neighborhood stating that they are nuisance calls, a waste of resources and partly the cause of the \$800,000 shortfall. T. Blaser explained that MFD has to respond to EMS calls and that it can be a slow process finding some people the help that they need. B. Brennan reported that MTPD is working on long term situation. NO ACTION/PLACE ON FILE
8. Discussed communication (13-505) from William Gospodarek relative to removal of parking signage at 1134 S. 16th Street. HELD OVER - WAITING FOR MORE INFO
9. Discussed communication (13-515) from Donna Klinger relative to concerns relating to unmarked intersections in the City. D. Klinger said she has never been anywhere that had uncontrolled intersections and believes it is a severe liability issue. B. Brennan explained how traffic warrants must be met to control an intersection and that traffic signs at every intersection is impractical and not possible as it interferes with traffic flow. Another issue mentioned was speeding on N. 5<sup>th</sup>. B. Brennan will put extra patrol on N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. HELD OVER - COMMITTEE WILL GET AN ANSWER CITY'S LIABILITY.
10. Discussed communication (13-490) from Jim Duda and Lynn Lesperance relative to safety hazard at corner of Meadow Lane and So. 28th Street. NO ACTION/PLACE ON FILE... ORDINANCE BEING DRAFTED ALREADY.
11. S. McMeans made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by A. Schema. Carried 4-0