

## PUBLIC PROPERTY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 13, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Sitkiewitz, Nic Levendusky, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Jim Brey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Muenzenmeyer, Andrew Steimle, Barb Bundy-Jost, Bill Manis, Kevin Glaeser, Valerie Mellon, Ray Geigel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Sitkiewitz.

The first item discussed was signage within Municipally owned parking lots. Val Mellon explained that currently signs of all shapes, sizes, and wording have appeared in the city-owned lots and would prefer to have uniform size, color, and regulated wording on the signs. The discussion revolved around the requirement of the sign code that does not allow off-premise signs and that some of the signs in the municipal lots contain logos and other features that could be considered advertising. The committee members concluded that they had no issues with tasteful logos being placed on the signs. Jim Brey made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to alter the sign ordinance to allow off premise advertising on such signs as long as the size of the sign is no larger than 12 inches by 12 inches. Jill Hennessey seconded the motion. Additional discussion ensued regarding cost of the sign verses the cost of the parking space. The vote on the motion to allow off premise advertising on city-owned lots was four to one with Nic Levendusky voting against it and Eric Sitkiewitz, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, and Jim Brey voting for it.

The next item taken up by the committee was the update from Jim Muenzenmeyer and Barb Bundy-Jost on the creation of a Building Committee at the Rahr-West Art Museum. Barb told the committee that the Board of Directors of the museum has gone on record to fund the cost of hiring an Architect to design an expansion of the museum and to form a committee to oversee the project. The approximate time frame of the project is five years. No action was taken.

The appeal of August Krieser (09-061) was considered next. Mr. Krieser stated that he was dropping his appeal as the solution to the barrier removal at the Rahr-West has begun. Eric Sitkiewitz stated that the appeal will be placed on file.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion on the Fleet Vehicle Policy for the City of Manitowoc. Kevin Glaeser, Fleet Manager, addressed the committee and handed out a list of all the fleet vehicles and a list of the vehicles that were taken home at the end of the day by various employees. Written justifications of why the vehicles were taken home were included in the handouts. The discussion involved how the employees are being charged to bring their vehicle home, the safest place to store the vehicles overnight, frequency of use, and personal use of the vehicles. It was decided to take an individual look at each vehicle usage as that particular vehicle is replaced. No further action was taken.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer  
Secretary