

**Public Property and Safety Committee**  
December 14, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Brey, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Nic Levendusky, Alex Olson (5:20)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tony Dick, Bill Manis, Jason Sladky, Jim Muenzenmeyer

Chairman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Ald. McMeans made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Ald. Levendusky seconded the motion and as all were in favor the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on proposed Ordinance 10-655 to create section 14.226 of the Municipal Code regarding possession and sale of synthetic cannabinoids. Police Chief Tony Dick handed out a copy of a news release from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the actions that the DEA are undertaking to control five chemicals that are contained in the synthetic drug. After discussion, no action was taken as it appears the control of these chemicals will be done at the Federal level very shortly.

The Committee discussed the Manitowoc Fire Department EMS Rate and Fee Structure next. Fire Chief Bill Manis explained the items on the list that he proposes to increase and also provided a comparison to nearby communities. After a short discussion, Ald. Levendusky made a motion to approve the increases and Ald. Hennessey seconded the motion. The vote to approve the increases was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the elevator addition at the Rahr-West Art Museum. Secretary Muenzenmeyer informed the committee of the dates related to the RFP and told them that no tax payer monies will be used to construct the addition. He told the Committee that the City would have to maintain the addition as they do the rest of the building. A motion to approve the RFP was made by Ald. Levendusky and seconded by Ald. McMeans. The vote to approve the RFP was unanimous.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action to revise Manitowoc Municipal Code Chapter 17 relating to the inspection of buildings for contamination of water lines via cross connections. Secretary Muenzenmeyer explained what a cross contamination connection, (CCC) is, and provided examples of some of the available devices that prevent such contamination. He gave an

overview of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requirements. Muenzenmeyer told the Committee that his department would not be able to inspect all of the non-residential buildings in the city at the two-year cycle that the WDNR is requiring. Instead, Muenzenmeyer said he had two options: to initiate a program that would cause compliance by mandating all non-residential customers of Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU) be tested and certified by a third party, or turn the entire program over to MPU. The ensuing discussion revolved around which entity had the best resources to match the new requirements and the WDNR's ability to regulate water quality. Ald. Levendusky made a motion for Muenzenmeyer to work with the City Attorney's office to revise Chapter 17 to empower MPU to coordinate the entire CCC program. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer  
Secretary