PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Chair, Greg Jenson, Alderpersons Jean Ligocki, Ozzie Doom, and Police Chief Greg Leck.

Guests: Jordon Tilleson, Karley Schuetz, Nicole Bollig, Theresa Bergeson-Gallun, Dave Nielsen, Josh & Bryce Bennett, and Ronnie McKittrick.

Call to Order: Chair Jenson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Communications: Chief Leck gave a brief update on the Sergeant Promotional Process and the Officer Hiring that are both on going.

Old Business:

None

New Business

2. **Minutes of 2-27-19: Moved by Doom 2nd By: Ligocki, to approve the minutes of 8-28-19. Motion carried: 3-0**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Snowmobile Routes in City Right-of-ways.

   Ronnie McKittrick, represented Stoughton Snow Drifters explained this year's routes to the Committee. All route will be the same with the addition of 15 MPH signs being added near BBG's/Culvers area. McKittrick also announced that this was the Clubs 50th Year.

   Motion to approve and recommend approval of routes, by: Doom, 2nd by Ligocki

   Motion carried 3-0

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for a Crossing Guard position at the intersection of Lincoln and Roby Roads.

   Karley Schuetz, Nicole Bollig, Theresa Bergeson-Gallun, made a presentation to the Committee regarding their concerns about child safety crossing the Lincoln & Roby Road intersection. The group expressed their concerns about near misses which ended in a child pedestrian vehicle crash. Fortunately, the child was not seriously injured. The group acknowledged the recent improvements to the intersection with painted crosswalks and temporary "Pedestrian Crossing Sign", but indicated that they feel that the intersection warrants a Crossing Guard.

   Leck reported that the department has been monitoring the area and that the average amount of children using the crossing is around 25 during school times. The parents indicated that those numbers are probably lower because a lot of parents don't allow their children to cross there because of the traffic. Leck reported that the intersection also has a considerable amount of vehicle traffic during school times.

Leck advised the committee that it would cost approximately $3,000.00 dollars to fund a crossing guard at this location and that it is not budgeted for in the current proposed 2020 Budget.

Discussion then followed on alternative, such as, lighted flashing crosswalk signs. Leck reported that each of the signs are approximately $3,000.00 and that the department is applying for grants for 1 or 2 new signs next year. There was also discussion about moving the N. Page St. & Grieg Trail crossing guard. Leck advised that he would have to evaluate this move before making a decision of if that is possible.

Leck also added that the department has difficulty recruiting crossing guards as it is and expressed some concern about finding guards if the new intersection is added.

Motion by Doom to recommend to council to create a new Crossing Guard at Lincoln & Roby Roads and increase Crossing Guard Budget by up to $3,000.00, 2nd by Ligocki.

No further discussion. **Motion carried 3-0**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding future parking in the W. Main Street & Pine Street area.

   Jordon Tilleson addressed the committee regarding concerns that he has over future parking issues on W. Main Street at Pine Street. Tilleson stated that with the new development he was concerned about parking and access to his business. Tilleson reported that he is not currently having any issues but was just being pro-active.

   Tilleson suggested that maybe the area could use marked painted parking stalls. Leck reported that me usually don't paint stalls in areas such as W. Main & Pine due to have to repaint them every year of so, which is expensive.

   Some further discussion occurred and it was decided that we would revisit this after the 4-unit development goes in and see if it does create some parking issues.

   No action taken.

Moved by Ligocki, 2nd By Doom to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Leck, Chief of Police