

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May25, 2022

Hybrid meeting

Present: Chair, Greg Jenson, Alderpersons Joyce Tikalsky, Jean Ligocki, Frank Raff, Members; Tricia Suess Charleston, and Eric Quam. Staff; Mayor Swadley, and Police Chief Greg Leck, and EMS Director Schimelpfenig.

Excused: none

Guests: Teresa Pellett, and Jon Lewis.

Call to Order: Chair Jenson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Communications: Leck reported that he will be retiring on July 8th and thanked the Committee for its support over the last 11 plus years. Leck also briefed the Committee on the recent vandalism that occurred on the southwest side of the city. Over 40 vehicles and homes were damaged with paint and tire slashing. Leck stated the department was putting out an appeal to the public for any video from security systems to help identify the perpetrators. Alder Tikalsky asked if we could put something in the Tower Times for people to help with video from their in-house systems. Alder Ligocki shared that maybe the PSC could hold a best practices on public safety staffing changes, home safety, and cameras at a future meeting. Leck suggested maybe doing it as a Town Hall type meeting to have a question and answer period for citizens.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2022

Motion by Tikalsky, and 2nd By Quam to approve the minutes. Ligocki pointed out that the Election of Vice-Chair was not in the minutes. This was moved by Tikalsky and 2nd by Ligocki to appoint Suess as Vice-chair. Clarification was accepted by previous motion and passed 6-0

Old Business:

New Business

4. Chair Jenson stated that he had read a comment online about using personal vehicles to block intersection for the Syttende Mai Parade. Leck commented that there might be liabilities for the Chamber and City if that is done. Leck added that for years all intersections are staff with traffic control people and that this is likely the best practice. Jenson advised that this should be listed as a non-action item.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License and Beer/Wine application for the Catfish River Music Festival. Jon Lewis was present for any questions. Leck added that there have been no issues with previous licenses and recommended approval.

Motion by Suess, 2nd By Quam to recommend approval to the council. Motion carried 6-0

6. EMS Director Lisa Schimelpfenig gave her Annual Report to the Committee

Copy of the written report was in the packet. Director Schimelpfenig gave an overview of the report.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on approving Liquor License Renewals for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30th 2023.** Leck reported City Clerk Christen was not able to attend. Leck added that all applications were in order and recommended approval. Committee had a few questions to clarify types of licenses that Leck answered.

Motion by: Quam, 2nd by: Suess to recommend approval to Council

Motion carried 6-0

- 8. Discussion and possible action on approving Outdoor Consumption Permit Renewals for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30th 2023.**

Motion by: Ligocki, 2nd by: Quam to recommend approval to Council

Motion carried 6-0

- 9. Discussion and possible action on approving Sidewalk Café Permit Renewals for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30th 2023.**

Motion by: Quam, 2nd by: Suess to recommend approval to Council

Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Quam, 2nd By Suess to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Leck, Chief of Police