



# City of Manitowoc

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## Meeting Minutes

### Public Safety Committee

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Wednesday, December 28, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

#### 3. Public Comment

No public comment

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

16-1183 November Public Safety Minutes. Recommendation to approve and place on file.

Attachments: November Public Safety Minutes

A motion was made by Alderperson Steven Czekala, seconded by Vice Chair Jason Sladky, that these Minutes were accepted and placed on file.. The motion carried by the following vote:

#### 5. Consent Agenda Items

16-1131 November Police Report, recommending approval.

Attachments: November Police Report

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jason Sladky, seconded by Alderperson Dave Soeldner, that this Report was approved for consent agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

16-1132 November Fire & Rescue Report, recommending approval.

Attachments: November Fire and Rescue Report

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jason Sladky, seconded by Alderperson Dave Soeldner, that this Report was approved for consent agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

## 6. Old Business

16-0905 Presentation and discussion of raze and repair orders of structures by Deputy Chief Kadow.

Attachments: 16-0905 Raze and Repair Orders.pdf

Standard Operating Guidelines

Exhibit A

Exhibit B

Gregg Kadow gave an update on the raze and repair orders of structures. First round of letters went out. One is going directly to a raze order. The letter sent to the former Hmong Church at 424 North 7th Street came back to them. They did have a chance to get inside the building and the structure was very solid. They will be working with the owner to get the building repaired as they are hoping to sell it to someone from Milwaukee. They did get a list of properties owned by the county. The 416 St. Clair Street which Alderperson Able questioned is on that list. They are currently working with the City Attorney on how this property will be treated because it is owned by the county. Alderperson Kummer encouraged Gregg Kadow to stick to a lesser time line when advising owners they have to get their buildings repaired so people don't take advantage of the time line. Alderperson Kummer did bring pictures of the Riverview Apartments because they are working on getting that cleaned up. The front door in the main lobby area is broken in again. This had previously been repaired. The committee was satisfied with how the policy was working and had no further questions or concerns.

**This Policy was discussed**

16-1051 Request sent to Fire Chief Todd Blaser from a concerned citizen regarding the warning siren testing every week, recommending placing on file.

Attachments: Warning Siren Item #16-1051

Alderperson Kummer stated he didn't think Fire Chief Todd Blaser should spend anymore time researching this as this is the only complaint that has been filed with the committee in all these years. A motion was made to place this item on file.

**Moved by Kummer, seconded by Sladky, that this Request be placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

16-1056 Request to install school crossing signs near Jackson School due to safety concerns. One at North 18th Street and the other at Menasha Avenue, recommending placing on file.

**Attachments:** Jackson School Crosswalk Request  
Jackson School Crosswalk Request Map  
Jackson School Crosswalk Map  
Superintendent Mark Holzman Letter

Principal Duane Simmons read a letter from the Manitowoc Public School District Superintendent Mark Holzman. Mr. Holzman stated that the funding for the flashing crosswalk sign should be the responsibility of the city and the use of education dollars to fund this project would not be appropriate. Alderperson Soeldner stated he will not approve the city funding the complete project. Alderperson Sladky made the suggestion that they relocate one of their crossing guards to the Menasha Street location. A motion was made to deny the request and place on file by Alderperson Soeldner. The vote was 4-1 with Alderperson Able opposing.

**Moved by Soeldner, seconded by Sladky, that this Request be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

**Nay:** 1 - Able

16-1036 Request to install 2-3 crosswalks on South 16th Street between Franklin Street and Clark Street.

**Attachments:** WAF Request Item #16-1036  
Map for Item #16-1036  
WAF Quotation

Per Dan Koski from DPI the agreement is drafted and it is at the Attorney's office for review. Per Alderperson Able if they get the agreement completed between now and January 16th, 2017 which is the next council meeting it can go directly to council for approval.

**This Request was approved**

## 7. New Business

16-1180 Sex Offender Residence Appeal for Terry R. Futamata with recommendation from Police Chief Nick Reimer to deny request and place on file, recommending uphold the Chief's recommendation.

Alderperson Czekala made a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation of denying this request.

**Moved by Czekala, seconded by Sladky, that this Request be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

- 16-1181 Citizen request to have crosswalks at the intersection of Menasha Avenue and Kellner Street, recommending approval of request and include in 2017 street epoxy marking.

**Attachments:** Menasha Ave. and Kellner St. request

Per Dan Koski from DPI there is no issue with putting in the crosswalk. That route is and will remain on the bus route. He suggested that this would have to be done in epoxy. Alderperson Able made a motion to approve this request. This will be included in the 2017 epoxy bid which will put the installation time between May and August.

**Moved by Able, seconded by Sladky, that this Request be approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

- 16-1182 Request for a No Parking Here to Corner sign on the corner of South 14th Street and Grand Avenue.

Citizen Steve Riske voiced his concerns about the cars parking to close to the stop sign on South 14th and Grand Avenue especially on Sundays during church services. Per Chief of Police Nick Reimer the accidents at this four way stop are minimal. Police Chief Reimer will contact the parish so he can advise them that they need to follow the 15 ft. parking from crosswalk ordinance. The police department will also follow up with enforcement if need be. Alderperson Able suggested the committee revisit this in 3 or 4 months. If Mr. Riske is seeing a lot of trouble before that he should let the committee know.

- 16-1185 Request for a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Whitetail Court and River Bluff Drive, recommending placing on file.

**Attachments:** Whitetail Court and River Bluff Dr.

The accident data was reported back from 2011. There were 2 accidents in the last 5 years. Chief Nick Reimer's recommendation is to do nothing at this time based on the data. Alderperson Sladky made a motion to place on file. Alderperson Sitkiwitz was in attendance and he agreed with the committees recommendation.

**Moved by Sladky, seconded by Soeldner, that this Request be placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

16-1186 Request for a stop or a yield sign at the intersections of South 9th Street and South 11th Street, recommending denial of request and place on file.

**Attachments:** South 9th St and 11th St.

Aldersperson Soeldner felt it would be best to leave it as it is. Aldersperson Able stated we control as few intersections as possible because they are in a residential area and people should know they need to slow down.

**Moved by Soeldner, seconded by Sladky, that this Request be denied and placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

16-1187 Request from Chief of Police Nick Reimer to be able to hire sworn police personnel up to the budgeted amount in 2017.

Per Chief of Police Nick Reimer we have 2 openings right now and a potential for 5 more next year.

**Moved by Sladky, seconded by Soeldner, that this Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Able, Sladky, Soeldner, Czekala and Kummer

## 8. Adjournment