



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Monday, January 30, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

[17-0052](#) Meeting Minutes 12-28-16. Recommendation to approve and place on file.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 12-28-16](#)

Moved by Sladky, seconded by Czekala, that these Minutes be accepted and placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. Consent Agenda Items

[17-0060](#) Fire/Rescue Division of Life Safety Report November 2016, recommending approval.

Attachments: [Fire/Rescue Life Safety 11Nov. Report](#)

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

[17-0061](#) Fire/Rescue Monthly Report December 2016, recommending approval.

Attachments: [Fire/Rescue December Report](#)

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

[17-0062](#) Police Department Monthly Report, December 2016, recommending approval.

Attachments: [Police December Report](#)

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

[17-0071](#) Fire/Rescue Life Safety December 2016 Report, recommending approval.

Attachments: [Fire Rescue Life Safety December Report](#)

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

6. New Business

[17-0040](#) Citizen request for pedestrian signs at the intersection of S 23rd St and Western Ave.

Attachments: [S. 23rd and Western Avenue](#)

Greg Minikel from DPI stated this was a request from 2011 and at that time the request was denied. The crosswalk lines are painted but there are no signs. A motion was made to approve the request to install the pedestrian signs.

Moved by Soeldner, seconded by Czekala, that this Request be approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0041](#)

Citizen request for pedestrian warning lights on the southeast corner of S 23rd St. and Dewey St.

Attachments: [S. 23rd and Dewey St.](#)

Citizen Mr. Ed VanderBloomen presented his concerns about the heavy pedestrian traffic at the Southeast corner of South 23rd and Dewey Street when school is in session. His major concern is the speeding traffic in this area and the issues of school children being able to cross safely. He would like to see pedestrian signs on that corner. Alderperson Soeldner stated he understands the situation is dangerous but he is also concerned about the number of requests the committee has received for these lights to be placed around the city. Alderperson Kummer feels that the speed limit and the speeding is a problem and stated maybe we need to do something about that as a city. Such as taking a look at the staffing of the Police Department and maybe adding 1 or 2 more officers. Alderperson Sladky stated he agrees with Alderperson Kummer that the speeding is an issue within the city. Alderperson Czekala thought maybe we could put an officer at that location to monitor the traffic situation. Chief Nick Reimer stated we would not be able to put someone there everyday due to manpower shortage. We have a number of officers out on FMLA and one out with an injury and we are down to minimum staffing. A study was done in 2009 with the number of pedestrians in that area. Some days were higher than others. Mr. VanderBloomen feels the issue warrants the need for pedestrian signs. The Police Chief stated that the cost for the signs runs right around \$10,000-\$12,000 dollars. Alderperson Able stated he would love to see more enforcement in that area but that would mean an increase in the budget for more officers. No motion or vote was taken as it was decided to have DPI do another pedestrian study and this issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

[17-0042](#)

Citizen request for a pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection of Harvest Circle and Broadway St.

Attachments: [Harvest Circle and Broadway St.](#)

Some discussion was had on this item and the committee made a motion to place this item on file.

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

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

[17-0043](#) Ordinance to amend Section 14.600 and 14.640 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Retail Theft and Retail Fraud.

Attachments: [Retail Theft and Retail Fraud Ordinance](#)

Per Staff Attorney Liz Majerus the Ordinance regarding Retail Theft and Retail Fraud Sections 14.600 and 14.640 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code has been amended. Motion was made to approve and refer to council.

Moved by Kummer, seconded by Czekala, that this Ordinance be approved as amended and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0044](#) City of Manitowoc Taxi regulation and State of Wisconsin statutes regulating Uber.

Attachments: [Taxi regulation and statutes regulating Uber](#)

The owner of Maritime Cab Mr. Dan Matthews was present to discuss his concerns regarding the regulations for Uber drivers versus City Taxi drivers. Every year they have to apply and get approval to have a Taxi Cab license. Mr. Matthews believes that Uber drivers should have the same standards that the City Taxi cab drivers do. Liz Majerus the Staff Attorney stated that Uber drivers have to be licensed by the state. They also need to be insured by the state. The city does not have authority to regulate Uber because they are state mandated. Alderperson Jim Brey was present and he suggested that Mr. Matthews should speak with Representative Paul Tittl to find out the rationale behind it. Alderperson Kummer felt there was really nothing we could do as a committee and we should not get involved with the state. Alderperson Able suggested to Mr. Matthews that he keep the committee up to date with more information as he received it. Staff Attorney Liz Majerus suggested Mr. Matthews start with other Municipalities and the Chamber of Commerce to get more information. A motion was made to place this item on file.

Moved by Kummer, seconded by Sladky, that this Action Item was discussed and placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0059](#) Citizen request for a stop sign at the intersection of South 9th Street and Dewey Street.

Attachments: [Citizen request for a stop at the intersection of South 9th Street and Dewey Street](#)

Part of the issue is that there is a boulevard at that intersection. There is a 2 way stop at that location but it also is all down hill which is 255 feet from the top of the hill to the bottom. This would make it difficult for traffic to come to a stop especially in slippery weather. Greg Minikel from DPI state that stop signs should be used to assign right away not to control speed. A motion was made to place on file.

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

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

[17-0063](#) An Ordinance to amend Section 14.560 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Public Nuisance Properties.

Attachments: [Public Nuisance Ordinance Section 14.560](#)

Discussion was had on this amended ordinance regulating the Public Nuisance Properties. This ordinance is enacted to encourage property owners to recognize their responsibility to ensure that activities occurring on their premises conform to the law and do not unduly burden the City's Police and Division of Life Safety Services and to provide a mechanism for the City to take action against property owners who fail to ensure their premises do not require a disproportionate devotion of City resources. A City Nuisance Committee has been created to include a representative from the Police Department, Division of Life Safety and Neighborhood Services, Community Development, Public Infrastructure and the City Attorney's Office. Alderperson Kummer questioned if the committee would ask an Alderperson to also get involved. Alderperson Kummer made a motion to have an Alderperson on the committee. There was no second motion to this. The decision was made by the Public Safety Committee that the Public Nuisance Committee would meet every month and a motion was made by Alderperson Kummer that they report to the Public Safety Committee on a monthly basis.

Moved by Kummer, seconded by Soeldner, that this Ordinance be approved as amended and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0064](#) An Ordinance to amend Section 14.040 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Social Host.

Attachments: [Social Host Ordinance Amendment](#)

A motion was made to approve the amendment to the Ordinance to reflect the state statute.

Moved by Sladky, seconded by Czekala, that this Ordinance be approved as amended and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0072](#) Request to backfill vacant Clerk Typist position at the Police Department.

Attachments: [Clerk Typist JD 4-2014](#)

A motion was made to approve and refer to council.

Moved by Able, seconded by Sladky, that this Action Item be approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0083](#) Fire/Rescue Key Performance 4th Quarter Report, recommending approval.

Attachments: [2016 MFD Key Performance 4th Qtr](#)

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

[17-0084](#) Out of state travel request from Police Chief Nick Reimer for the Police Dept. K9 Officers and himself during the dates of February 13 to the 15th, recommending approval.

Chief of Police Nick Reimer stated that K9 Uly will be retiring at the end of March. The Chief is requesting out of state travel to Shadowcreek Kennels in Pennsylvania to pick out another K9. A new K9 handler has not yet been assigned, but that officer would be accompanying the Chief on this trip. The funds for this trip will be coming out of the K9 fundraising money.

Moved by Czekala, seconded by Sladky, that this Communication be approved and referred to personnel. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-0086](#)

Village of Cleveland agreement for ambulance services, recommending approval as consistent with policy for service agreements with no additional costs to Fire and Safety.

Attachments: [Village of Cleveland agreement for ambulance services](#)

A motion was made to approve for consent agenda.

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

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

7. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:40PM