



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Monday, August 25, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Note: This meeting will also be held via Remote
Conferencing Software (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Beeman, Reckelberg and DeBaets

Excused: 1 - Cummings

Absent: 1 - Anderson

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. Consent Agenda

These items will be approved by one motion unless any Committee Member wishes to remove an item for discussion.

REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by DeBaets, to accept the Consent Agenda Items and recommendations of the various committees The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Beeman, Reckelberg and DeBaets

Excused: 1 - Cummings

[25-0616](#) August 11, 2025 Public Safety Minutes

Attachments: [08-11-2025 PS MINUTES](#)

5. Previously Tabled Items

[25-0588](#)

Prohibited dangerous animal objection by James Surrells for Fafo.

Attachments: [James Surrells - Animal Order](#)[James Surrells objection letter](#)[FAFO Bite](#)[Memo to Public Safety Committee re Procedures for Dangerous Animal Appeal- Final](#)

Attorney Nycz clarified that the Chief of Police is responsible for deciding whether an animal qualifies as a Prohibited Dangerous Animal. Should the animal fit this definition, the Chief orders its removal from the city. The owner has the right to contest this decision, prompting a review by the Public Safety Committee. This committee serves as a quasi-judicial entity, providing the animal's owner or caretaker the opportunity to present evidence against the classification.

Chairman Beeman outlined the procedures for the hearing.

Chief Reimer presented the evidence, followed by a question-and-answer session with the board members.

The opposing party, James Surrells, then had the chance to present his evidence, after which board members were again invited to ask questions.

Both Chief Reimer and James Surrells were allotted time for their closing statements.

Subsequently, the board motioned to support Chief Reimer's determination and voted to uphold it. The board finalized the Finding of Facts and Conclusion of Law, concluding that Fafo had indeed inflicted bodily harm to an individual on either public or private property.

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by DeBaets, that this Action Item be placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Beeman, Reckelberg and DeBaets

Excused: 1 - Cummings

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderperson William DeBaets, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Reckelberg, that this meeting be adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Beeman, Reckelberg and DeBaets

Excused: 1 - Cummings