

Public Property and Safety Committee

September 19, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Alex Olson, Jim Brey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Able

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Muenzenmeyer, Valerie Mellon, Gregg Kadow, Juliana Ruenzel, Bridgette Brennan, Derek Muench, Bill Manis, Jason Sladky.

Alderman Jim Brey called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2011 joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderman McMeans seconded the motion and as all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action on a policy regarding concealed carry of weapons on city property. The discussion revolved around enforcement of such a policy, the type of weapons affected, the types and placement of signs prohibiting concealed weapons, and penalties that would be associated with such a policy. After further discussion, Chairman Brey informed the committee that he would be bringing forward the policy to the full council for additional discussion only. There was no further action taken.

The next item was a discussion and possible action on parking issues near North 23rd Street and Waldo Blvd. Alderman Olson reported that some residents of North 23rd Street south of Waldo had employees of Federal Mogul parking in front of their house all day. The Committee asked Deputy Chief Brennan to contact the factory about their parking issues. No further action was taken.

The next agenda item was discussion and possible action on revising the fire pit ordinance. Alderman McMeans gave the committee a brief history of how this ordinance change came to the forefront. Fire Chief Bill Manis explained some of the changes that are being suggested. Additional discussions involved fire pit set backs, the possibility of issuing permits for fire pits, penalties, and whether or not portable fire pits would be affected. Chairman Brey asked the City Attorneys office to outline the newest changes to the ordinance and to distribute a copy to the mailboxes of the Committee members. No further action was taken.

A discussion and possible action on a letter from Roseanne Brennan requesting a waiver of charges for ambulance service was discussed next. Fire Chief Manis informed the committee the he had communicated with Ms. Brennan and that the proper protocol for payments was now being followed. The Committee thanked the Fire Chief and no further action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action on using unspent capital dollars to fund installation of cross control contamination devises in city facilities. After a short discussion, Aldermen McMeans made a motion to use unspent capital monies on the known costs of four city buildings and to wait until 2012 for the

balance of the corrections. As Alderman Olson seconded the motion and all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an update on Manitowoc County's possible Community Development Block Grant. Jim Muenzenmeyer informed the Committee that the County may be receiving a grant in the near future that citizens of the city could use to improve their homes. He also told the Committee that he would like to use the same firm that the County did for administering a future City Community Development Block Grant. No action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was an update from Jim Muenzenmeyer on the status of the addition for the Rah-West Art Museum and the Special Housing Code Enforcement Area. No action was taken.

The last item considered by the Committee was discussion and possible action on Municipal Ordinance 3.010(3)(c) and (d). Chairman Brey pointed out that some of the areas of responsibilities of Standing Committees are outdated and need to be updated. No further action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer
Secretary