

## Public Property & Safety Committee

February 29, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Scott McMeans, Alderman, Chris Able, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey, Alderman Alex Olson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Justin Nickels, Alderman Jason Sladky, Lt. Paul Schermetzler PD, Mark Swanson, Donna Krueger, Leanna Leonowicz, Bob Hablewitz, Jason Johnston, Charlie Matthews, Dennis Lippert, Police Chief Dick, Fire Chief Manis, Assistant Attorney Kathleen McDaniel, Deputy Director of Engineering Greg Minikel, City Engineer Val Mellon, Alderman Collin Braunel

Alderman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Alderman McMeans made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 meeting of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderwoman Hennessey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item # 5, Adult crossing guards for school term 2012-13. Lt. Paul Schermetzler from the Police Department presented a detailed report of the need for adult crossing guards. He described the importance for guards at various locations throughout the city and other needs that may not be as vital, based on traffic counts and number of students being assisted in crossing the streets. Citations and high rate of speeds within a ¼ mile radius of schools were evident, based on studies. Discussion. Thoughts of purchasing more signs or installing speed bumps or using portable stop signs were discussed. Instead of buying signs, use of those dollars to offset the cost of officers on site in marked squads was also discussed. Combined efforts between the city and school system may be an approachable solution. Reduce the hours worked by crossing guards was discussed.

A motion was made by Alderman Brey to keep the current crossing guards and pay each of them for two hours per day. The motion failed as there was no

second to the motion.

A recommendation was voiced that the Police Department review and bring back a recommendation to the committee based upon all discussions.

It is the will of the committee to make a decision within approximately three weeks.

Item # 6, Agreement (12-113) with Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch relative to time system indirect agency access. No discussion and no action.

Item # 7, Downtown parking input session. Discussion only, no action. Chairman Brey requested City of Manitowoc Parking Attendant Dennis Lippert present a brief narrative of the issues regarding downtown parking. Dennis indicated that most complaints are the business owners violating the parking ordinance. Public input and request of information from interested parties was a thought to create discussion. Greg Minikel will check into the cost of a "parking study". Greg will also review the existing City of Manitowoc 1992 Downtown Parking Study with the intent of creating a "starting point" for discussion purposes. Mayor Nickels will bring this subject up to the Downtown Manitowoc and Mainly Manitowoc groups and also have the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Streetscapes address the issue.

Item # 8, Agreement for Automatic Assistance Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) between the city of Manitowoc and the city of Two Rivers. No action taken. Fire Chief Manis came to the table to explain and discuss the RIT. The main impetus of this subject is enhanced emergency safety in the cities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Also, due to this program, there is an improved ISO rating which allows for a better dollar value regarding insurance rates. Chief Manis will have the official document placed on the agenda for the Common Council meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Item # 9, New communications tower at South 35<sup>th</sup> and Viebahn Streets. No action. Fire Chief Manis gave a report on police and fire portable radio communications in the city via various towers and their placements. Certain areas in the city will not have adequate coverage after an FCC ruling takes affect. Chief Manis explained options of potential new tower(s) to alleviate these issues. Chief Manis was asked to check into the feasibility of a secondary repeater.

Item # 10 and 11, Ordinance (12-082) Amending Section 10.610 regarding parking penalties for winter parking ban and snow emergency parking and Ordinance (12-083) to amend the Deposit Schedule for the Manitowoc Municipal Code, Section 10.610 parking penalties. A motion was made by Alderman Olson & seconded by Alderman McMeans to adopt the proposed fee structure for parking tickets regarding the winter ban and snow emergency.

Item # 12, Ordinance (12-085) amending Section 14.020(2) governing restricted species. No discussion and no action.

Item # 13, Ordinance 912-087) to amend Section 10-490 regarding two hour parking on Maritime Drive between N 8<sup>th</sup> and N 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. No discussion and no action.

Item # 14, Communication (11-768) from Dan and Pauline Burton expressing their concerns relative to parking at Shady Lane. This issue has been taken care of and was recommended to be placed on file.

Item # 15, Request (11-771) from Bernard Starzewski to eliminate loading zone in front of 928 So. 12<sup>th</sup> Street along with two hour parking in the 900 block of So. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. This issue was withdrawn and recommended to be placed on file.

Item # 16, Communication (11-770) from Deputy City Engineer Greg Minikel relative to the installation of pedestrian crossing signs at both intersections on Western Avenue near Holy Family Hospital. No discussion and no action.

There being no further business, Alderman McMeans made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Olson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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