

Public Property & Safety Committee

July 10, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Scott McMeans, Alderman Tyler Martell, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Dick, Alderman Jason Sladky, City Engineer Val Mellon, Lawrence Hansen - 809 Huron, Travis Gill - New Holstein, James Stuart – Kiel, Christopher Shaw -3605 Custer St., Cameron Olson – Maritime Museum, Pam Olson – Pharmacy, Pat Mecca, Mark Krejcarek, Paul Kluncker – 3717 Westwood, Jamie Zastrow, Kathy Karl.

Chairman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderman Martell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on bow fishing for rough fish in Lake Michigan and the Manitowoc River. Chief Dick stated more members of the public are approaching him regarding bow fishing of rough fish (a carp is considered a rough fish). Lawrence Hansen stated this is safer than bow hunting deer. Carp are muddying up the water which is depleting oxygen levels because sunlight cannot get through to the bottom of these areas. Discussion. Alderman McMeans made a motion to allow a license to sport the rough fish in the city limits with an annual permit and with approval of the Chief of Police and definition of where this hunting will be allowed. In the future, the annual permit may be changed to a multi-year permit at the discretion of the Police Chief. Alderwoman Hennessey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. This will require no ordinance change. It was suggested to inform the public of this.

Discussion and possible action on communication (12-399) from Manitowoc City Center Association expressing their concerns regarding pedestrian safety in our cross walks as many motorists do not stop for pedestrians that are standing in a crosswalk. Chairman Brey read a letter from the MCCA. Several attendees of the meeting spoke of their concerns and possible solutions regarding the danger of crossing the streets in Manitowoc. Particular areas of concern were North 8th St. and Quay St.,

especially during the farmers market. Business owners were also concerned of the downtown area crosswalks. Another major area of concern was the Maritime Museum crosswalk on Maritime Dr. City Engineer Val Mellon stated the traffic lights could be adjusted upstream to allow a larger gap of no traffic to offer more opportunity for pedestrians to cross. Alderwoman Hennessey suggested taking a closer look at the top three crosswalk concerns. Cameron Olson stated and requested to the committee not to give up the thought of the expensive solutions such as flashing lights being activated when a person steps into the crosswalk. Mr. Olson also stated there are Federal grants for this type of warning signal.

Discussion and possible action on bow hunting for deer on land owned by the City of Manitowoc. Chief Dick presented information regarding bow hunting on City property north of Reed Ave. A short discussion followed. Alderman McMeans made a motion to authorize the hunting with the management of the Police Chief. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on request (12-297) from Dale and Wendy Schroeder, to have signage installed at 30th and Lindbergh, and 29th and Coolidge. At this time, it is not recommended to install signs. City Engineer Val Mellon will contact Kaufman Manufacturing and the Manitowoc School system in an attempt to encourage their truck drivers to exit the neighborhood by traveling south on south 29th street to reach Meadow Ln.

Downtown Parking. A special meeting will be held on August 1, 2012 at 6:00 pm. City Engineer Val Mellon will provide parking options on mapping for review. This will primarily be a “brainstorming” type meeting.

There being no further business, Alderman Sitkiewitz made a motion to adjourn, Alderman McMeans seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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