

# **PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey and Alderman Tyler Martell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Scott McMeans (Excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Police Chief Tony Dick, Fire Chief Bill Manis, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Finance Director Steve Corbeille, Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel, Battalion Chief Karl Koch, Dan Zirk, Andrew Zirk, Stanley Zirk, Donna Rae Zirk, John Zirk, Greg Kraynek, John Mrotek and Lisa Mueller

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brey at 5:00 p.m.

## **Approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2013 committee meeting.**

Motion by Sitkiewitz, second by Martell to approve the minutes.  
No Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

## **Public Input.**

Dan Zirk addressed pawn broker policies (Manitowoc Municipal Ordinance 11.150) and suggested a change to MMC 11.150 (6), Daily Reports to Police, that would exclude cards and coins with a value of less than \$20.00 each.

Andrew Zirk addressed pawn broker policies (Manitowoc Municipal Ordinance 11.150) stating his concern was that he believed the exemptions found in the Wisconsin State Statutes were removed from the municipal ordinance.

John Mrotek addressed pawn broker policies (Manitowoc Municipal Ordinance 11.150) stating his concern was providing personal information and fingerprints on the internet.

John Zirk addressed pawn broker policies (Manitowoc Municipal Ordinance 11.150) stating his concern was compliance of temporary vendors

and business owners having to obtain (customer) information and fingerprinting.

Public Input session closed.

**Presentation by Detective Dave McCue of the Manitowoc Police Department on Pawnbroker policies.**

Detective McCue, NEWPRS Administrator for the City of Manitowoc, provided a presentation and brief demonstration of the NEWPRS program that was effective May 1, 2012. The internet program allows law enforcement officers to search for stolen property and registered business owners to search for general information. The public cannot access the program. Detective McCue also addressed some comments and concerns from the public input session. Temporary vendors are required to obtain licensing and use the NEWPRS program. Fingerprints are not required with the NEWPRS program.

**Discussion and possible action on request by Alderman Martell regarding pawnbroker policies.**

No action taken.

**Discussion and possible action on request from Police Chief Dick to transfer money from restricted use accounts to purchase police equipment.**

Police Chief Dick reviewed possible funding lines from which proposed equipment requests could be purchased and provided equipment estimates. Discussion. The Finance Committee will formalize the transfer request.

**Discussion and possible action on Viebahn Tower agreement.**

No action taken.

**Discussion and possible action on request from Fire Chief Manis to hire replacement firefighters.**

Motion by Sitkiewitz to approve. Second by Hennessey. Alderman Martell asked for and received clarification that the replacement firefighters were budgeted for twelve months in 2013. All were in favor of the motion.

**Update from Fire Chief Manis, discussion and possible action on status of FEMA (SAFER) grant to hire firefighters.**

Fire Chief Manis provided a timeline summary of the FEMA (SAFER) grant and requirements. Fire Chief Manis and Finance Director Corbeille presented an Analysis of 2013 Fire Department Budget Savings to cover the \$309,000.00 2013 budget reduction. Discussion. Fire Chief Manis will continue to move forward with the current hiring process.

**Discussion and possible action on Ordinance (12-706) to repeal Section 3.130 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code relative to Safety, Traffic & Parking Commission**

No action taken.

There being no further business, motion by Sitkiewitz second by Hennessey to adjourn. No discussion. All were in favor. Committee adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lisa M. Mueller

Secretary, Building Inspection and Planning Departments