

## PUBLIC PROPERTY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 3, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Sitkiewitz, Nic Levendusky, Scott McMeans, Jill Hennessey, Jim Brey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Muenzenmeyer, Justin Nickels, Todd Blaser, Kristen Clark

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Sitkiewitz.

The first item discussed was a Fire Department request to hire a replacement firefighter on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to replace a firefighter retiring May 30, 2010. Deputy Chief Todd Blaser addressed the committee and referenced a letter from Fire Chief Bill Manis to the committee regarding the replacement. DC Blaser explained why replacing the position as soon as possible would keep overtime costs down. A discussion involving the ideal staffing levels and the corresponding savings in overtime costs ensued. The new hire would be hired as an entry level firefighter. After further discussion, Alderman Brey made a motion to recommend to the Personnel Committee the approval of the request to hire a new firefighter starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Alderman Levendusky seconded the motion. As all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The second item was the review of the changed lease language of the Parking Lease agreement in place for city owned parking lots. Jim Muenzenmeyer informed the committee of the changes made to incorporate the allowance of logos and business names on signs in the city owned parking lots. The revised lease also limits the size of the signs to 12" x 12". After a short discussion the motion by Alderman Brey to allow the changes was unanimously passed after a second by Alderman McMeans.

The next item discussed was a contract with Steven D. Means to conduct periodic Commercial Electrical Inspections in the absence of the full time Electrical Inspector. Jim Muenzenmeyer explained to the committee the actions taken since the last meeting and the details of the proposed contract with Mr. Meads. After a discussion revolving around insurance issues, Alderman Hennessey made a motion to continue using Bill Nichols until the insurance issues with Mr. Mead are cleared up. Alderman Jim Brey seconded the motion and as all were in favor the motion passed unanimously. Jim Muenzenmeyer will inform the committee if/when Bill Nichols services are needed again.

The last item on the agenda was a Closed Session discussion of the expansion of the Public Safety Department and the evaluation of the performance of a Fire Department employee as it relates to that expansion. After Chairman Sitkiewitz read the official Closed Meeting notice, a motion to convene in closed session was made by Alderman Hennessey and seconded by Alderman McMeans. All members agreed to enter into closed session at 5:36 p.m. Following the closed session, the motion to reconvene in open session was made by Alderman McMeans and seconded by Alderman Brey. As all were in favor, the committee reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer  
Secretary