

**Public Property and Safety Committee**  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Brey, Scott McMeans, Alex Olson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jill Hennessey, Nic Levendusky

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Val Mellon; Bill Manis, Jim Muenzenmeyer (5:30)

Chairman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Ald. McMeans made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010; Ald. Olson seconded the motion and the vote to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action on increasing the speed limit to 35 MPH on Reed Avenue. This request was brought forward through Ald. McMeans from a constituent. Director of Public Works / City Engineer Valerie Mellon discussed why she was not in favor of increasing the speed along that street. Further discussion ensued. No action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and possible action on creating a charge for refilling metal fire extinguishers – type D. Fire Chief Bill Manis explained where this type of extinguisher is used and the associated costs of refilling them. After a short discussion, the motion to approve adding a charge of \$100.00 to refill each type D extinguisher to the billing list was made by Ald. Olson. Ald. McMeans seconded the motion and as all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was a discussion and possible action on updating the billing policy G-1 for the Manitowoc Fire Department. Fire Chief Manis informed the Committee that the Billing Committee was able to change the policy to enable veterans insurance and were able to speed up the billing process at the same time. Ald. McMeans made a motion to allow the change and Ald. Olson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to change the policy.

The fifth item taken up was a discussion and possible action on creating a new billing policy, G-5, for the Manitowoc Fire Department. This policy addition addresses bankruptcy billing procedures. Ald. McMeans made a motion to add the policy as written. Ald. Olson 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 the Code

Review Committee. Secretary Muenzenmeyer explained to the Committee the purpose of the Code Review Committee and suggested that the duration of their appointments be lengthened and staggered. After a short discussion, Ald. McMeans made a motion to accept the changes as drafted by Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel. Ald. Olson seconded the motion and as all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion on nuisance properties in the City. Ald. Brey shared some of the issues in his district and explained the Nuisance Ordinance Chapter 14.321. Secretary Muenzenmeyer discussed the many challenges his department sees with these types of properties. The discussion involved solutions ranging from using Community Development Block Grant money, devising a different type of penalty/enforcement procedure, using note issues to fund demolitions, and increased condemnations. No action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jim Muenzenmeyer  
Secretary