

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Smeltz, Councilor Hall, Mayor Bradley, and Police Chief Williams. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by Councilor Smeltz with the addition of item '8e Cyclones', seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on March 26, 2018 was made by Councilor Smeltz. Motion seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

No report.

EMA REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

The Mayor reported that a grant was submitted and approved. Now that we know how much money is available we can move forward.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

Councilor Smeltz reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24 with the state. The state would like to coordinate this effort with work that is scheduled to be done on Route 772.

Facilities Use Form

No progress on the form. Councilor Smeltz expressed his frustration that a basic form already exists that organizations sign that they will comply with the rules. Councilor Hall stated that large events seem to be working well. We need to bring the forms for the small events and large events together. Mayor Bradley stated that we might not want to create one massive form but create a basic form that serves as a trigger for filling out an additional form with more information. Mayor Bradley also suggested that a deadline should be set so that this gets accomplished.

Parking on S Plum St @ 900 W Main St

Councilor Hall said that he was in the area and saw a truck parked in the No Parking zone. Angie Drumheller, 900 West Main Street, stated that people can't see the signs and many do not know it is a no parking zone. Mayor Bradley stated that he doesn't know why it was made no parking and he has no problem if it is changed to allow parking on at least one side of the street.

This area will be included in the Parking Utilization Study. It is anticipated that sometime within the next few months the study will be completed and other parking issues will be addressed at that time. All parking related issues will then go through the standard ordinance change process. Until that time, this item will remain on the agenda to insure it isn't omitted. If any ordinance changes are required prior to the completion of the study, this item will be included in those changes.

Cyclones

An email was sent to committee members with several emails attached from residents living at The Lakes regarding Cyclones Football games. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky attended the game last week and did not observe the types of problems that were reported during last month's meeting that several residents attended.

Councilor Smeltz discussed the fact that the form submitted to permission to play and the noise ordinance was signed by representatives of the Cyclones. Based on this form, they agreed to follow the rules. Possibly the team has outgrown the facility and another location will fit it better. Josh Deering, 13 Frank Street, representing the Cyclones, stated that the team is no longer using the PA system nor are they playing music anymore.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Space request – 115 E Main St

A request to create a Handicap parking space in front of the business at 115 East Main Street was submitted by Joyce N Bertschinger. A motion to move the request to full council was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Councilor Hall inquired if this is an Ordinance change which it is not. Motion was then carried unanimously.

Road Closure Request for Cruisin' Cuisine Car Show

A motion to approve the request to close Main Street for the Cruisin' Cuisine Car Show and move to full council was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, said that May 12 and June 2 are the dates for the next two Cyclones games. Mr. Deering asked what the status was of the portable speed signs and speeding on Birchland Avenue. Chief Williams reported that he was not able to borrow any portable signs from any other police departments and at this time there is no budget to purchase one of our own. A trailer mounted portable unit will cost approximately \$12,000-\$14,000. The Chief will request a traffic study be done by the County for Birchland Avenue.

Mr. Deering reported to the committee that a neighbor told him that truck traffic is still occurring on Barbara Street going into Donsco. Councilor Hall stated that complaints should be in writing to Councilor Smeltz to be included in the discussion for the Route 772 study.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Smeltz reported that he participated in a ride-along with Sergeant Hosking two weeks ago on Saturday evening from 8:30 PM until 3:30 AM. Councilor Smeltz stated that Sergeant Hosking was very professional and he found it to be very educational and enlightening. Councilor Smeltz encouraged other committee members to do the same.

The committee discussed possible changes to the Civil Service rules to align with the State Civil Service rules. Mayor Bradley discussed the issues encountered with hiring within consortium and problems encountered in competing with other agencies in hiring the top candidates. The Committee discussed the possibility of giving our own tests in addition to remaining a member of the consortium in order to streamline the process of hiring. Chief Williams will research and provide the committee with estimated costs to proceed on our own.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 1957 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2038 Hrs. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall