

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Reese at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Reese and Councilor Deering, Councilor Smeltz

Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Smeltz.

PUBLIC INPUT

Steve Mikochik, 17 North Jacob Street, requested that the traffic light at Main Street and Barbara Street be equipped with the ability to transmit an audio signal when it is safe for pedestrians to walk across the intersection. He stated that the preferred hardware only emit an audio signal when the button is pushed. This item is on the agenda for this month and will be discussed later on in the agenda.

Eric Miller, 363 North Barbara Street discussed the high rate of speed in the area of the playground and his concern that someone will be hit by a car. The worst hours are usually in the morning when people are going to work. Mr. Miller inquired if speed tables could be added to the street to slow down traffic. Mayor Bradley stated that speed tables may present a problem in the winter when the snow plows are clearing the street. Chief Williams responded that he has had radar speed signs in that area at least twice since the signs were purchased. Mr. Miller thanked the Chief for his efforts thus far in controlling speeding vehicles in the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 24, 2016 were approved with one correction to the name of the engineering firm on a motion by Councilor Deering and a second by Councilor Reese. Councilor Smeltz abstained due to being absent.

FDMJ REPORT

Mayor Bradley stated that the renovations to the building are going well and the upstairs was recently used for an event during the past week.

EMA REPORT

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking
No action.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street
No action.

NEW BUSINESS

Civil Service Commission Board Member selection

Chief Williams reported that a full voting member and one alternate member have been selected. The full member, Dave Eichler has been sworn in. The alternate member, Jeff Bear has been notified but has not been sworn in yet.

Main St crosswalks – audible walk signal

Discussed the installation of an audible signal at the Main Street and Barbara Street crosswalks as requested by Mr. Mikochik. Mayor Bradley stated that the audible signals might be able to be included with the pedestrian improvements with the train station. The Committee will request that Public Works contact Arro Engineering for more information regarding the audible walk signals. Mayor Bradley stated that this should be a priority and requested a monthly update from Public Works on their progress.

BUDGET

Chief Williams did not received Budget information from the Borough so does not have a report at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Chief Williams reminded the Committee that Saturday is Winterfest. For the second year, the police department will be holding the 'Fill the Cruiser' event and will collect non-perishable food items for the food bank and toys for Toys for Tots.

Councilor Deering stated that he has noticed that more cars are making U-turns on Main Street. Chief Williams stated that it is not illegal to make U-turns unless it is posted otherwise.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee went into Executive Session at 1910.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1924 Hrs. Councilor Deering made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Smeltz.

Submitted by Susan Birchall