

## **Public Safety Committee Amended Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

### **Call to Order and determine if a Quorum is Present:**

Troy Nyman, Ann Anderson, Mary Mason, Jason Coplien, Rich Bennett, Police Chief Christopher Hughes and Fire Chief Rob Scheidegger

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Troy Nyman at 16:30 hours.

### **Discuss/Possible Action on Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, Carried

### **Public Concerns:**

Police Chief Hughes stated that Everly Miller had expressed concern for the Pedestrian Crossing at the intersection of STH 11/1st Center Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The concern is that with the traffic coming into the City on STH 11/1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue at a high rate of speed that pedestrians are at risk. Police Chief Hughes will bring this concern to the Street Department for consideration of a Pedestrian Crossing sign being posted at this crosswalk and the one at STH 11/1st Center Avenue and 21th Street.

Dean Walters appeared with a concern for Brodhead Municipal Ordinance 4.32.35 –Low Speed Vehicles. Dean Walters stated that the Ordinance is in conflict with State Statute, which allows for certain Low Speed Vehicles to be gas powered, which the City of Brodhead Ordinance does not allow. After discussion, Police Chief Hughes will present a proposal to have the Ordinance adopt with State Statute.

Bob Higbee again stated that he felt that the four-way Stop Signs at West 7th Avenue and 16th Street was not necessary and causing traffic issues, when shift change happens at Kuhn-Knight. This issue was discussed at the August 5, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Troy Nyman advised that he will speak with Street Department Supervisor Rich Vogel to be present at the October 7, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Bob Higbee again stated that he felt that the “No Parking” signs on the north side of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, between West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue are not necessary. Fire Chief Scheidegger explained to Bob Higbee that the reason for the “No Parking” signs is to be able to get Fire/Emergency Equipment into the area in the event of a Fire or Emergency Call at Kuhn North

America. Bob Higbee continued to express his objection to the “No Parking” signs. After discussion, the Public Safety Committee expressed support of the “No Parking” signs.

There was also discussion about “No Parking” signs being placed on the West Side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Ann Anderson Moved, Mary Mason 2<sup>nd</sup> to make this recommendation, carried.

Bob Higbee again complained about the noise from Kuhn North America’s at night. Bob Higbee stated that Kuhn North America closed the doors at night at 22:00 hours, but then reopens the doors at 05:00 hours, which then wake him up. When asked what time would be acceptable for the doors to be opened, Bob Higbee said 06:00 hours. Troy Nyman stated that he would speak with Kuhn North America management about this.

Bob Higbee again questioned the Heavy Vehicle Parking Ordinance. Police Chief Hughes stated that an amendment to the Ordinance had been presented and was in the process of being changed.

**Discuss/Possible Action on Building Inspector:**

No Building Inspector business.

**Discuss/Possible Action on Fire Department:**

No Fire Department business.

**Discuss/Possible Action on Police Department:**

Jean Simpson was present and presented a concern about the Oversized Semi Trucks that stop/park temporarily on STH 11/1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue, south of 19<sup>th</sup> Street to shop at McDonald’s and other Restaurants. Jean Simpson’s concern that with the Semi’s parked, a driver on 21<sup>st</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> Street is not able to clearly see traffic around them. Police Chief Hughes reports oversized loads are there for no more than 30 minutes or they call police. They are patronizing local business since the Department Of Transportation will not allow them to deviate from their permitted route. Police Chief Hughes assumes this is the last place they can pick up food or fuel before crossing into the next State. Police Chief Hughes has also spoken with the Public Works Director on this matter.

The Public Safety Committee recommends rescinding ordinance 432-19 and also amend ordinance 432-21 to reflect 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. rather than the conflicting 7:00 p.m. Finally, The Public Safety Committee recommends erecting no parking here to corner signs on both north and south sides of the intersection at 21st Street and 25th Street at the distance required

by Wisconsin State Statute (346.53(5)). Rich Bennett moved, Ann Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> to proceed to rescind Ordinance 432-19 and amend Ordinance 432-21, Carried.

Police Chief Hughes presented the following Police Department updates:

Personnel:

On August 4, 2015, Part-Time Officer Matt Frey resigned for full-time employment with Cumberland Police Department.

A Full-Time Dispatcher has accepted a conditional offer from Green County Sheriff's Office.

Video Systems:

Four (4) Body Worn Cameras have been ordered from Vie View, One (1) for each Squad.

The Police Department Received a quote to replace the required defunct Security Camera System. Estimate \$17,000 for replacement.

Budget:

The Police Department has not heard from the City Clerk/Treasurer when the Budget Process will begin.

Police Chief Hughes advised that he has been working on a strategic plan for not only 2016 but for Five (5) years out.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the Speed Display Sign that was at the City Limit on CTH F/4<sup>th</sup> Street had been hit and stolen during the Covered Bridge Days.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the City Attorney has sent a letter to Cardinal Crest Mobile Home Park about the Fence issue.

Update on CBA negotiations: September 29, 2014

Police Chief Hughes advised that he had provided Alderman Fox a compare and contrast between CBA and City Personnel Manual, as well as, Chief's recommendation on CBA changes and wage scale.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the Heavy Parking, Option 3 Zoning Ordinance Change was taken to The Planning Commission Public Hearing that was held on September 7, 2015.

Police Chief Hughes advised that he has begun the process of planning for Ellyn Popanz retirement and how services she once provided will be handled going forward.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the Emergency Management is no longer being placed on the Public Safety Committee meeting agenda, but copies of the Emergency Management minutes will be provided to the Public Safety Committee.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the recent Diesel Fuel Spill that occurred on September 3, 2015 went well, with all City Departments and Emergency Management working together.

Police Chief Hughes advised that Covered Bridge Days went well and recommended that the same actions be done next year.

Police Chief Hughes advised that the Police Department roof is leaking and that quotes are being made.

Police Chief Hughes and Fire Chief Scheidegger discussed the Possible Fire Code and Street Parking hazards at 905 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Fire Chief Scheidegger stated that there are two (2) businesses in this location and that the building has some serious blockage inside that creates concern for safety in the event of any emergency. There are exit doors that are blocked and several fire hazards. Troy Nyman and Police Chief Hughes will inspect the location on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

There was also discussion of parking on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue to West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, with the amount of traffic for the businesses. Ann Anderson moved and Rich Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to have "No Parking" on the South Side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from 1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue to West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, carried.

Police Chief Hughes advised that he has received concerns about the traffic from Kuhn North America Employee's speeding on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, at shift changes. Police Chief Hughes advised that extra patrol has been made in the area and that traffic has slowed down. Police Chief Hughes advised that the extra patrol will continue.

One (1) Bartender license was presented for Stacy Johnson, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, Carried.

One (1) Bartender license was presented for Ashley Hopkins, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, Carried.

One (1) Bartender license was presented for Rhonda Bowers, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, Carried.

One (1) Bartender license was presented for Michelle Meyers, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, Carried.

One (1) Bartender license was presented for August Sperry, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

A Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" License for Stop-N-Go Hard Cider Only Class A liquor, Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

A Chamber of Commerce Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" for Autumn Fest. Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

A Hunting permit for Kent Purdue to hunt on the Mill Race/Pearl Island property owned by the City but in the Town of Decatur. Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

Police Chief Hughes advised that a Public Event Application had been presented for the United Methodist Church on August 16, 2015. Police Chief Hughes advised that the application was misplaced by City Hall for the August 5, 2015 meeting and the event occurred. Police Chief Hughes states he contacted the Mayor and Chairperson Troy Nyman on August 14, 2015 who approved the application.

A Public Event Application was presented for the United Methodist Church on September 13, 2015, to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street, between 1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

A Public Event Application was presented for the Chamber of Commerce Autumn Fest Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin Tractor Ride/Drive and the Pearl Island 5K Walk/Run on September 26, 2015, on the 900 block of West Exchange Street. Ann Anderson moved, Jason Coplien 2nd to approve, Carried.

**Discuss/Possible Action on Future Agenda items and Next Meeting date and time:**

To be included on the next agenda:

The Pedestrian Crossing signs at STH 11/1<sup>st</sup> Center Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance review.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 16:30 hours.

Ann Anderson moved, Mary Mason 2nd to adjourn at 18:05 hours, carried.