

MINUTES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rich Peach at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Committee Members: Chairperson Rich Peach, Don Mueller, Mary Mason, Rich Bennett.
 - Also Present: Police Chief Chris Hughes, Better Brodhead Representatives Kathleen Comeau and Shay Herman, Chris Searles and Bob Higbee.
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Mason moved, Peach 2nd to approve the September 6, 2017 minutes; Carried
4. **Public Appearances:** Bob Higbee again expressed a complaint about the noise from the Kuhn Manufacturing. Higbee also requested that Kuhn be required to put up a sound barrier. Higbee was told the matter will be researched and placed on the November Committee agenda.
5. **Police Chief's, Fire Chief's and EMS Captain's reports of their department's activities since last meeting;**
 - Chief Hughes presented a written report highlighting the Police Department's September activities.
 - Chris Searles advised that the Fire District is planning on burning a house on West 3rd Avenue in Decatur Township in November 2017. Public notice will be sent out prior to the burn occurring.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Police Department Position Descriptions:** Chief Hughes presented the Department's position descriptions at the July 9, 2017 Committee meeting. At that time Committee wished to have more time to review. Personnel Committee has already approved of the same. After discussion Peach moved, Bennett 2nd to recommend the City Council approve the Department position descriptions; Carried.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Resolution setting Trick or Treat Day and Hours:** Chief Hughes presented a resolution for a yearly Halloween Trick or Treat day and hours, in order to assist the Department in their planning for this community event. Bennett moved, Mason 2nd to recommend the City Council approve this resolution; Carried.
 - b. **DOT Report on Speed Study on 1st Center Ave. near 21st Street.** At the Committee's January 2017 meeting, Chief Hughes was directed to contact the Department of Transportation (DOT) to see if a speed study could be performed. Chief Hughes presented the DOT findings from said study. DOT reviewed traffic crashes and average speeds on 1st Center Avenue between 21 Street and 23st Street. DOT finds no need to change the speed limit. DOT provided information regarding enhanced signage in this area. Based on the DOT findings, Committee took no action.
 - c. **General Engineering Company proposal to provide Building Inspection services:** Chief Hughes presented information received from General Engineering Company (GEC) in regard to their ability to provide City Building Inspector services. After discussion, including feasibility of creating a full-time contracted position, Peach requested GEC present to the Committee at their November 8, 2017 meeting. Peach directed Chief Hughes to get 3 year average of revenues and expenses associated with the building inspections.
 - d. **2018 Police Department Budget Proposal:** Chief Hughes presented and explained the Police Department proposed 2018 Budget. Committee took no action.
 - e. **Operator's Licenses:** One (1) Bartender license was presented for Jason Ryan Schwartz. Bennett moved, Mueller 2nd to approve; Carried.
 - f. **Public Event Permits:** One (1) Public Event Permit/Street Closure for the Chamber's annual Fire and Ice event, and the corresponding parade, to occur in the 900 Block of W. Exchange and

the parade route is 1st Center Avenue between 10th Street and 12th Street on Friday, December 1, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Bennett moved, Mason 2nd to approve; Carried.

g. **Other City licenses and permits:** None presented.

8. **Closed Session Re: Employer's Initial Proposal to Police Officer Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations:** At 5:55 p.m., Bennett moved, Mason 2nd to go into closed session; Carried.
9. **Return to Open Session and Possible Action from Closed Session:** At 6:15 p.m., Bennett moved, Mason 2nd to return to open session; Carried. Committee took no action.
10. **Committee Comments or Questions:** Mason inquired of the progress on the nuisance abatement at 1402 E. 4th Ave. Chief Hughes stated the Department is waiting for the Building Inspector to complete a habitability inspection.
11. **Future agenda items and next meeting date and time;**
 - Next meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
 - Resolution to change of street names and street addresses in Rock County subdivisions and 2 streets in Pierce Addition.
 - Hunting and Trapping on Pearl Island Resolution 2016-016.
 - Creating an ordinance which regulates Food Truck.
 - Creating an ordinance which regulates Carriage Rides.
 - General Engineering Company Building Inspector services proposal.
 - Kuhn noise complaint.
 - 16th Street no parking signage removal.
12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Bennett moved, Mason 2nd to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.; Carried.

Approved: