

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Wednesday- March 23, 2016**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Holmquist called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Holmquist, Thomas (7pm), Hoelzel, Hanson, Reed and Kitslaar.

Commissioners Excused: Fadness, Bisbee and Fontaine.

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga and City Administrator Little.

3. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Hoelzel and seconded by Kitslaar to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Appearances:** None

5. **Unfinished Business**

a) **Discussion/Action on Volunteer FD Staffing** – Not discussed as Chief Sullivan is out of town.

b) **Discussion/Action on Junked Vehicles and Appliances on Private Property 10-5-8**
Chair Holmquist stated this is going to be addressed during the recodification project.

c) **Discussion/Action on the Bray Study**

Chair Holmquist reported this was discussed during the comprehensive plan presentation to the City Council and is part of the long term facility planning.

6. **New Business**

a) **Discussion/Action on an MOU between the City and the Fire Department.**

Administrator Little was present to explain the MOU between the City and the Fire Department. This MOU will allow the Fire Chief to assign a different schedule anytime the Fire Department has more than six full time employees. This MOU will expire at the end of the current contract, 12/31/16.

b) **Discussion/Action on the Special Community/Police Task Force Recommendations regarding police “Use of Force”.**

Chief Ostrenga reviewed some of the highlights of the 35 page report that was co-authored by members of the Dane County Chiefs of Police Association, the Dane County Branch of the NAACP and the United Way of Dane County.

The chief indicated that many of the recommendations of the report are already in place, i.e., major incident debriefings, data tracking of complaints, use of force reporting, squad cameras, etc. The department has budgeted for body cameras, but is being delayed in implementing them by the manufacturer. The biggest area of concern is in the amount of training hours the department is able to participate in. Monona is currently a member of a larger training consortium consisting of Verona, McFarland, Oregon and Stoughton that trains approximately 40 hours per year. This training has depleted the allocated overtime budget and if the budget is not increased in 2017 Monona may have to cut back on training, which would be detrimental to complying with one of the key recommendations of this report.

After some discussion, the Commission favorably received the Special Community/Police Task Force Recommendations.

c) Discussion/Action on participation in the 2016 Speed Grant.

Chief Ostrenga advised the PSC that Monona has been offered to participate in WIBOTS project titled "2016 Speed Grant". This grant would allocate \$13,500 towards overtime and equipment for the department.

There was a motion by Thomas, seconded by Reed, to authorize the department to participate in the 2016 Speed Grant.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance. No report for this meeting.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

Chair Holmquist suggested if there were no items needing immediate attention the PSC might skip the April meeting.

9. Reports:

Fire: No Report

Police: Chief Ostrenga reported that after posting information in the media the department made an arrest of a suspect in some day time burglaries. Subject was located in Tennessee with another wanted subject from Wisconsin. The towing contract has been approved for 2 years with two 1 year extensions. Ballistic helmets and vests are being purchased with drug forfeiture funds. A set will be stored in each of the police vehicles. Crash data from Jan-Sept 2015 revealed 169 crashes in Monona, compared to a total of 148 combined for McFarland, Cottage Grove and Oregon. Major events coming up include the Drug Drop on 4/30 at the Medicine Shoppe; the Memorial Day Parade on 5/30; Annual Festival on 7/3-4; and National Night Out on 8/16. The department is currently down 3 officers, as one is in field training and two officers are unavailable with injuries.

Building Inspection: No Report

11. Next meeting date: The next scheduled meeting will be on April 27, 2016

12. Adjournment Motion was made by Reed and seconded by Thomas to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:12 pm.