

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Wednesday- May 25, 2016**

MINUTES

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

2. **Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Holmquist, Kitslaar, Fadness, Hoelzel, Hanson, Fontaine (6:10) and Reed.

Commissioners Excused: Bisbee and one VACANT position.

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga, Fire Chief Sullivan and City Administrator Little.

3. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Hoelzel and seconded by Fadness to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Appearances:** Brad Bruun, Monona Public Works Dept., was scheduled to appear, but had to cancel. A handout was provided describing the sustainable transportation project he is working on. He is soliciting volunteers to work on the project.

5. **Unfinished Business**

a) Discussion/Action on Volunteer FD Staffing – Chief Sullivan updated the PSC on the status of the Fire Department. Paid on call has 36-37 members. The board decided not to add additional members until the existing new members are trained. They will have another intern starting in June.

b) Discussion/Action on Junked Vehicles and Appliances on Private Property 10-5-8
Administrator Little has been reviewing this section, but is not recommending any revisions until it is reviewed by the City Attorney.

6. **New Business**

a) Discussion/Action on City Ordinance Recodification Project

Administrator Little started the discussion by reporting a problem with pop up sheds and garages. Tents are not allowed in some jurisdictions as they are taking the place of permanent structures. She is doing some research on the following topics: 1) Temporary Tents; 2) Questions regarding gravel driveways. Ordinance requires impervious surfaces, but some older situations have been grandfathered in; 3) Junk Vehicles; 4) Natural Lawns; and 5) Grass/Weed ordinance.

Chief Ostrenga reviewed the following new chapters: 29, Citations; 54, Emergency Management; 112, Police and Fire Commission; 145, Adult-Oriented Establishments;

159, Animals; 168, Bicycles; 272, Alcoholic Beverages; 281, Juveniles; 312, Nuisances; 335, Peace and Good Order; 367, Smoking; 374, Snowmobiles; 427, Vehicles; and 434, Vehicles and Traffic. Additional information was requested on the following: 1) Dog at Large leash law. Check to see what Parks is doing; 2) Scooters with electric motors; 3) Electric bikes; and 4) Truancy changes (recode document missing).

Chief Sullivan reviewed a potential ordinance that would ban novelty lighters and an update to the fireworks sale permit. The following new chapters were also discussed: 70, Fire Department; 152, Ambulance Transportation; and 232, Fires and Fire Prevention.

b) Discussion/Action on Parking Complaint: Winnequah Road

Michael Schachter, 708 Moygara, appeared before the PSC with concerns over the parking on Winnequah Road and asked if members heard the PSA on WVMO. He provided pictures of large vehicles that are too wide to fit in the designated parking lane and project over the bike lane. This causes bicyclists and pedestrians to traverse in the traffic lane. He is concerned that this is a dangerous situation and had three recommendations: 1) Provide more awareness through outlets like WVMO; 2) ban all parking on the street; and 3) have strict no parking enforcement.

A recent letter to the editor was provided to stimulate background discussion. Chair Holmquist was going to discuss some of the issues with the Public Works Committee. This item is to remain on the agenda for future discussion.

d) Discussion/Action on Synthetic Cannabinoid Ordinance (taken out of order)

Danny Conners, 4814 Goldfinch Drive, Madison, appeared before the PSC and registered against the proposed ordinance.

Chief Ostrenga explained to the PSC that this ordinance was drafted from the City of Madison ordinance that applies to synthetic marijuana. This product is much different from the plant type cannabis in that it is made from different chemicals that can cause very violent reactions from those that use it. In two recent high profile incidents (in Monona on the beltline on 4/17/16 when the driver had to be Tasered; and in Middleton on 4/21/16 where two young girls were run over) synthetic marijuana was involved. In the Monona case the driver exhibited signs of “excited delirium” and was very fortunate to get immediate medical attention on the scene. This is a very dangerous substance that is becoming more common in the area; therefore the recommended fines are quite substantial.

There was a motion by Hanson, seconded by Hoelzel, to approve the ordinance and move it on to the city council. Motion approved unanimously.

c) Discussion/Action on Parking Restrictions: Wallace, Gordon, Lofty and Parkway

This item was referred to the PSC for discussion by the Public Works Committee. The proposal is to change the no parking signs in the area to an even/odd system during the Monona Grove School year. By making this change it will improve the service to the area for garbage, brush and snow removal. The PSC did not vote on the issue, but discussion was favorable for Public Works to change the signs in order to spread the

parking out in a more organized fashion. One idea was to use calendar dates on the signs with an exception for weekends and holidays.

e) Discussion/Action on Dispatch Study Group Chiefs Ostrenga and Sullivan updated the PSC on the status of the Dispatch Study Group. The study group hopes to be completed with a recommendation to the city council prior to the 2017 budget process. There are three options being considered: 1) 911 calls being handled by Dane County; 2) Fire Dispatch being handled by Dane County; and 3) Police Dispatch being handled by Dane County.

The group last met on Friday, 5/20/16, with a trip to the Sun Prairie dispatch center. Sun Prairie has relinquished the Fire Dispatch to Dane County and is testing having the county take the 911 calls. The Fire dispatch is working well, however there are unresolved issues with the transfer of information on the 911 calls. The biggest problem is the incomparability between the county TriTech CAD and the Sun Prairie Global CAD systems.

5c) Discussion/Action on the Bray Study – (taken out of order) Item not discussed.

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

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

Member Hoelzel stated she has no confidence in the makeup of the Police and Fire Commission, as it consists of all 5 white males and does not fairly represent the community. To represent the community there needs to be minorities and women on the commission.

Chair Holmquist explained the process of matching person's areas of expertise to the different committees.

Member Fadness indicated that there should be more no parking signs near the curve at the north end of Winnequah Road. Chair Holmquist indicated this should go to the Public Works Committee.

9. Reports:

Fire: Chief Sullivan updated the PSC on the status of the FD grievance. Last Saturday they held CPR training at all the fire stations county wide. The new truck is in the process of being built and he would be coming back to the PSC in the future for some of the additional equipment needed.

Police: Chief Ostrenga reported that last Friday night the Capital Area OWI task force was in Monona. A total of 102 traffic stops were made only one OWI arrest. This had been broadcast as a PSA on WVMO, so hopefully people out drinking had designated drivers. Two officers are still out on light duty with injuries; and our newest officer is still in field training. The Special Community / Police Task Force Recommendations regarding police "Use of Force" will be presented to a future city council meeting. We have received one of our two new cars and we have also made the purchase of two new Trek Police bicycles.

Building Inspection: No Report

11. Next meeting date: The next scheduled meeting will be on June 22, 2016

12. Adjournment Motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Hanson to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 8:55 pm.