

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- February 24, 2021**

MINUTES

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

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Jim Bisbee (ZOOM), Glenn Rehberg (ZOOM), Larry Reed (ZOOM), Kathy Thomas (ZOOM), Nancy Moore (ZOOM), Joe Fontaine (ZOOM), Chris Henderson (ZOOM), Angela Davis (ZOOM) and Connie Miley (ZOOM).

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Police Chief Deuman (ZOOM), Fire Chief McMullen (ZOOM) and Lieutenant Curtis Wiegel (ZOOM).

Others Present: Mary Delaney (ZOOM) Nadia Dominguez (ZOOM) and Kristie Goforth (ZOOM).

3. Minutes: A motion was made by Bisbee, seconded by Fontaine, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.

4. Appearances:

No one registered

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion of Bike Registration

Chief Deuman advised that Madison has not yet decided what type of relationship they wish to have with a national program nor which of the two national programs will best meet their needs. Currently their website directs citizens register with either company. Contact believes UW Transportation will likely do the same as the City of Madison once a decision is made. Also advised there was a push in Fitchburg to change their registration program.

Chief Deuman reached out to Bike Fitchburg, Inc., their local advocacy group, who hope to propose repeal of the mandatory bicycle registration in favor of Bike Index. Steve Arnold with Bike Fitchburg looked into both national registries and indicated a preference for Bike Index for various reasons to include cost and quality of stickers, as well as, web and app user interfaces. The proposal was in beginning stages of being

discussed at Bicycle Committee level. No action has yet been taken by the City of Fitchburg. Will report back as I hear any updates.

b) Discussion of Public Education Initiative

Further discussions about topics for Public Education Initiative. Suggestions included creating a “Top 10” list of calls for service that could be circulated or printed on a magnet or other media (newsletter). Also suggestions for environmental and at home safety tips, e.g. preventing falls, ice safety.

Committee believes these are topics that are easy for citizens to do and doesn't cost anyone money to follow the tips. Also believe local examples tend to get more attention of the community than national stories. Much more of an impact when they can relate it to something close to home.

6. New Business:

a) Discuss and Take Action on SRO MOU

Alder Thomas explained the date of contract and plan for schools to go back to in person. Also advised there will be a committee formed to evaluation the role of the SRO in the schools and determine their suggestions to the School about continuation of the SRO program.

Member Rehberg advised DOJ Office of school safety provides recommendations on this topic. MOU needs to work for both school and LEA (Law Enforcement Agency). This MOU particular mentions the role of the SRO not being involved in discipline which is national best practice. The MOU also spells out finances which is also important. Further it specifically calls out SRO to be trained in student seclusion and restraint which is the school policy on how they try to manage students who may be acting out.

Member Rehberg had one recommendation that the MOU should mention a requirement of the SRO to attending a nationally accredited SRO program to understand the role. Current SRO has been to this training so is not a current issue but believed it seems like an appropriate thing to include in future MOU.

Member Rehberg made a motion to recommend approval of contract as written with recommendation that future MOU has a clause that the SRO should, as soon as practical, receive training from NASRO or other national organization. Second by Member Reed. Motion carries.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance.

Financial to be discussed with department reports. No discussion.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

No future items discussed.

9. Reports:

Fire:

- Delay in billing due to account not being established. As of Jan. 25 account set up and billing has begun. By next month should have monthly reports
- 71 EMS so far this month, missed 12.
- 55 Fire Calls to date
- Medic 62 being staffed 26 – 28 hours per week allowing us to take a couple calls. This is not costing the City any extra.
- Have 3 additional staff members in EMT training.
- COVID vaccines are not making it to local pharmacies. Attempted to have MOFD as vaccination location but DHS denied request. Have reached out to Senior Center to address any needs for Seniors who need rides to get vaccinated.
- FEMA grant for breathing apparatus has been approved, expected in June. Working on another FEMA grant for approximately \$100,000 due in March and an AARP grant that will allow MOFD and Senior Center to work with Seniors to provide Knox boxes.
- MOFD donated \$500 to the Friends of the Monona Seniors to help fund programs and Senior services.
- Got written permission from cardiac arrest victim so going to putting out information/PSA in the next month. This will go in newsletter.

Police:

- Total Calls for Service (CFS) in Jan 920 and so far Feb 667
- December and January Monthly Reports were sent to all members.
- Two successful deployments of Tire Deflation Devices
- CRO Reynolds participated in Polar Plunge
- In January added article to the first City Newsletter
- Scam calls are surfacing again

Building Inspection:

- No current report available.

Police and Fire Commission:

- Had a listening session on Feb. 9
- Community survey closed last Friday and recruitment closed Monday
- Haven't seen results yet but expect them soon at which time we will meet again.

10. Next meeting date: March 24, 2021

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Reed, second by Angela, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:01 pm.