

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- February 27, 2019**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kuhr called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Committee Members Present:, Kuhr, Grupe, Hoelzel, Hanson, Bisbee, Fontaine, Reed and Rehberg.

Committee Members Absent: DeVault (Illness)

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga

Others Present: none

3. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Reed, seconded by Bisbee, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Appearances:** none

5. **Unfinished Business:** none

6. **New Business:**

a) Discussion/Action on Resolution to Purchase New Police Vehicles - Ostrenga

The City Council has approved a fleet renewal program for two Police Vehicles in the 2019 Capital budget. Chief Ostrenga explained that the two vehicles scheduled for replacement are an unmarked 2009 Toyota Camry and a marked 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Utility. The vehicles to be purchased through Ewald Automotive Group under the State Bid are a 2019 Ford Fusion Hybrid (\$25,125.00) and a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid (\$39,390.50).

After discussion, there was a motion by Hanson, seconded by Bisbee, to approve the purchase of the two new police vehicles. Motion approved unanimously.

b) Discussion/Action on Proposed Ordinance on Special Events, Street Use, No Parking and Police Services billing - Ostrenga

Chief Ostrenga explained that Parks Director Anderson was assigned the task of creating an updated Special Event Application and Policy. There have been meetings with several staff members (DPW, Clerk, Fire and Police) to assist with discussions and review the

application and policy. During these discussions, it was highlighted that the existing Street Use Permit needs to be updated to allow some special events to use the city streets.

The existing street use ordinance, Chapter 395-16 Mandatory Denial section has two lines that are in conflict with the proposed policy.

An application for a street use permit shall be denied if:

- A. The proposed street use is primarily for private or commercial gain.
- E. The application requests a period for the use of the street in excess of six hours.

Chief Ostrenga indicated that some of the larger events coming through the city (i.e., the Rockin' Chocolate Marathon & Half Marathon (8-31-19), the Annual Lake Monona 20 KM Run/Walk (5-4-19), and the 70.3 Half Ironman (6-9-19) bring anywhere from 800 to 1,000 or more participants. These events are organized by professional race promoters, who collect entry fees from the participants.

In the case of the Half Ironman in 2018, put on by Race Day Events, LLC, they ran through Monona and never got a permit. Porta potty's were placed in city parks and roads were coned off with no permission.

Chief Ostrenga indicated these events, with their large numbers of participants are a drain on police resources. Unlike the Monona Fire and Ambulance ordinances, there is no specific ordinance that requires reimbursement when extra police services are necessary.

During last year's Rockin' Chocolate Marathon, there was also a request to post several streets with No Parking signs. The Chief denied the race permit, which was eventually mediated by the Mayor and a compromise was established where they were allowed to put cones along the route and agreed to compensate the city for an extra officer on overtime dedicated to the event. They also altered the location of the start and stop so that Nichols Road would not be closed in excess of the 6 hour city ordinance.

After much discussion, the consensus of the committee was that the street use section (395-16 A.) should be amended to allow the Chief of Police to work with the City Attorney to establish a fee schedule to charge the larger events for extra services when the event promoters are doing the event for profit or commercial gain. The fees could be waived for smaller community events that are not for profit.

There was also a motion by Grupe, seconded by Fontaine, to strike the section (395-16 E.) restricting street use to excess of six hours from the ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.

Chief Ostrenga will consult with the City Attorney at the next staff meeting to discuss the recommended changes.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance. Chief Ostrenga indicated we are early in the year and did not have a report for the committee.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

- a) Table top exercise was discussed. Chief Ostrenga reported there was not currently grant money available, but after talking to J. McClellan from Dane County Emergency Management we would not need pay anyone to coordinate a table top if we just kept it simple. Committee member Larry Reed, who previously worked for the Wisconsin Emergency Management would be very qualified to oversee an exercise. Kuhr suggested we do a review of what we did during the flooding last year. Item to be on next months agenda for more discussion and a formal recommendation.
- b) The status of the Public Safety Building.

9. Reports:

Fire: No report

Police: Chief Ostrenga gave an update on personnel. We have our new 21st officer being sworn in at 9 am on 3/1/19 in the City Hall conference room, and invited any members interested to attend. Our 20th officer has resigned, effective 3/2/19 and we are currently doing a background on a replacement for that position. Officer Ginther, who has been on active military duty since last year is scheduled to be back at work on 2/28/19. Chief Sullivan and I attended a meeting on 2/25/19 regarding the “Hard Shoulder Project” by the Department of Transportation. This program is proposing adding an additional traffic lane on the beltline during rush hour to relieve some of the congestion. It will take several years to implement, but is just in the planning and research stage at this time.

Building Inspection: No report. Kuhr to talk with the City Administrator about adding more information to the current spreadsheet.

Police and Fire Commission: Joe Fontaine reported the commission met on Monday, 2/25/19, to interview two fire fighter candidates and one police candidate.

10. Next meeting date: March 27, 2019

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Rehberg, seconded by Bisbee, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:12 pm.