

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- January 22, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Co-Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Thomas, Grupe, Bisbee, Fontaine, Reed, DeVault and Rehberg.

Committee Members Absent: Hanson and Miley

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga and Fire Chief Sullivan

Others Present: none

3. Minutes: A motion was made by Rehberg, seconded by Fontaine, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Appearances: None

5. Unfinished Business: None

6. New Business:

a) Discussion/Action on Community Restorative Court – Grupe

Alder Grupe led the discussion on the Community Restorative Court (CRC). She attended 16 hours of training (4 nights of 4 hours) to become a Peacemaker. On January 21st she attended her first Peacemaker session. Since the Dane County CRC was started, they have processed 550 cases with a 92.2% success rate.

Chief Ostrenga reported that the department has the ability to run a report that indicates the ages of offenders (17-25) and the type of offenses that would qualify for the CRC. In 2019 there were 25 arrests and 141 citations, and through 1/13/20 there were 2 arrests and 3 citations. The issue for the department is having the time to screen out offenders to see if they qualify, and once there is a potential qualifying candidate that the victim is also willing to let the case go to the CRC.

Alder Grupe is going to attend municipal court to get a better understanding of the process.

b) Discussion/Action on Resolution to Purchase New Police Vehicle – Ostrenga

The City Council has approved a fleet renewal program for one Police Vehicle in the 2020 Capital budget. Chief Ostrenga explained that this would be an additional marked vehicle added to the fleet. The vehicle is to be purchased through Ewald Automotive Group under the State Bid are a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid (\$39,390.50).

After discussion, there was a motion by Rehberg, seconded by Reed, to approve the purchase of the new police vehicle. Motion approved unanimously.

c) Discussion/Action on Proposed Update to the Massage License Ordinance - Ostrenga

The state statute on massage licenses was recently changed to require individual massage therapists to be licensed by the State of Wisconsin. In the past it was just for the Massage establishment. City Attorney Cole provided an ordinance amendment which would bring our City of Monona ordinances in line with the state statute.

After discussion, there was a motion by Bisbee, seconded by DeVault, to approve the Massage License Ordinance amendment. Motion approved unanimously.

d) Discussion/Action on Proposed Update to the Block Party Ordinance – Gadow

Administrator Gadow provided an explanatory letter summarizing the need to update the Special Event Policy. In doing so, it was determined that the Neighborhood Block Party Ordinance would probably work best if it was separate from other special events. A draft ordinance and application were provided for discussion.

After discussion, the committee had the following questions and comments:

1) Section A. (2) of the ordinance allows block parties on residential streets with a 25 mile per hour speed limit. Does this include main connector streets like Winnequah, Dean, Nichols, etc.?

2) Is there going to be any restriction on how many times a year a location can hold a block party?

3) Section C. (3) indicates ...written documentation signed by one owner of every residential lot which adjoins the portion of the residential street for which the permit is requested...Does this mean 100% of the neighborhood has to agree to the block party for it to take place? Does one person not signing the document have the power to cancel the block party?

4) On the application portion of the Block Party Permit, it is requested that there are sections for Police, Fire, Public Works and the City Clerk to also show they have reviewed and approved the application.

After discussion, there was a motion by Reed, seconded by Fontaine, to table the proposed Ordinance and Application until the committee's questions and suggestions can be answered. Motion approved unanimously

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

The committee reviewed the end of year financial reports. Chief Ostrenga reported that there could be some updates, as the 2019 books stay open for invoices through the end of February.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

- Block Party Ordinance
- Re-examine the Dispatch Uniform Allowance
- Wellness/Fitness programs and PTSD for both Police and Fire

9. Reports:

Fire: Chief Sullivan advised that Fire Fighter-Paramedic Alex Bodine resigned on December 25th and has taken a job in Utah. On February 3rd Andrew Buckingham will be sworn in at the Monona City Hall. PSC members are invited to attend. Currently there are 7 total LTE's on staff. One employee will be out 10-12 weeks due to a medical condition. Engine 2 will be getting a 360 degree camera system installed. PFAS Foam has become a controversial item due to the environmental impact. The department currently has 30 gallons on each engine. The Chief hopes to learn more about this at a February conference. The Chief is consulting with City Attorney Cole on the bidding process to procure updates to the radio system. And finally, Chief Sullivan announced he will be retiring from the Fire Service on March 31st, 2020. His last working day is tentatively March 11th.

There was a motion by Reed, seconded by Bisbee, to commend and thank Chief Sullivan for his many years in the Fire Service, the last 10 as the Chief of the Monona Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Police: Chief Ostrenga indicated the December monthly report was included in the PSC packet. On November 1st, 2019, Officer Luiz Franca was sworn in as a police officer. This brings the department up to full staff of 21 full time officers. Office Vicki Peterson has announced she will be retiring from the department in May of 2020 after almost 22 years of service with the MOPD and 2 ½ years prior with the Janesville Police Department. This week our training consortium is conducting Active Shooter training in one of the WPS buildings. Stolen autos continue to plague the Dane County area. Early Tuesday morning MOPD joined in on a pursuit of a stolen auto that had spike strips

deployed on it by the Town of Madison. The vehicle stopped on the beltline near Monona Drive. All five occupants were arrested after a short foot chase. One of the juveniles arrested had seven (7) active warrants for similar offenses.

Building Inspection: No report.

Police and Fire Commission: Fontaine reported there will be a meeting on February 10, 2020, to discuss the process on hiring a new Fire Chief.

10. Next meeting date: February 26, 2020

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Fontaine, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:08 pm.