

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Alder Beer called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Alders Beer, Bauman and Miller. Police Chief Kelley, Public Works Director Gerber, Street Supervisor Boll, other Alders, Jesse Duff from Fehr Graham and Bridget Cooke from the Monroe Times were also present.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC

None

D. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ZONE

Police Chief Kelley explained the request is from Horseshoe Saloon to create a no parking zone, directly across from their business, on the East side of the 1900 block of 10th Ave, from 19th Street South for about 150 feet. This will prevent cars at the tavern from backing from the terrace parking into cars parked parallel across the street. There is currently a vacant lot where they want the no parking zone. Discussion took place. Alder Miller asked if the landowner was contacted. Police Chief Kelley said no, there is nothing currently there. He said if something goes in there and they need the parking it can come back to the Public Safety Committee at that time to be readdressed. Alder Bauman made a motion to approve the request for a no parking zone. Alder Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

Police Chief Kelley said he'd like to do all three Special Event Applications at once. That was fine by the committee.

The first is Main Street Monroe Farmer's Market Season Events. He said this runs May 3rd until October 21st. It is exactly the same as it has been in the past. It will be on Wednesday afternoon and evening on the inside lane of the West side of the Court House. Saturday morning and afternoon, it will be on the inside lanes of the West side and North side of the Court House. Other special events can supersede this event however, most incorporate the market into their event.

The second event is Main Street Monroe Cars on the Square Events. He said this event has been going for the last four or five years. There are two dates, the first is June 2nd and the second is August 25th. The entire square will close at 3:00pm and cars will start to line up by 4:00pm. Discussion took place about the number of cars and how some are turned away as it is first come first serve. Alder Miller asked about using the private school lot by Minhas. Kelley said since it is private it is not covered under Main Street's insurance. He said they would have to be

aware of that. He also said there is still time in May to amend the Special Event if they want to do that.

The third event is for Main Street Monroe Summer Kick-Off – Once Upon a Square Event. This will be on June 3rd and they are asking for the inside lanes on the South and East sides of the Court House be closed. The event is from 10am until 1pm but the lanes will need to be closed from 8am until 3pm to prevent people from parking there. The Farmer’s Market will be taking place that day as well, so the entire inside lanes of the square will be closed during those times.

Police Chief Kelley said all paperwork is in order and he would recommend approving all three events. Alder Miller made a motion to approve all the Special Event applications. Alder Bauman seconded the motion. The motion was approved on voice vote.

3. RESOLUTION CREATING REDUCED SPEED ZONE ON STH 69 SOUTH

Public Works Director Gerber said they would like to place a 25 mile per hour construction speed zone on STH 69 South from the Pizza Hut to the Street Dept. garage. This will get people slowing down when they are trying to figure out what lane they need to get in due to the construction on 8th Street. Discussion took place. Alder Beer said the signs were already up and people are not going 25 miles per hours. Police Chief Kelley said they could put out a sign that says fines double in a work zone. He said they could also put out the electronic speed sign to see if that helps. He said they have been patrolling that area but there is no good or safe spot for them to sit on STH 69 South. More discussion took place. Alder Miller made a motion to approve the reduced speed zone on STH 69 South. Alder Bauman seconded the motion. Alder Beer commented that she wants to see this being enforced. The motion carried on voice vote.

E. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

Alder Miller said he noticed that on Saturday STH 69 South was backed up due to compost drop off. Street Supervisor Boll said this is normal for the first drop off of the season and should level out. He also mentioned the early spring weather has more people out earlier than normal.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Alder Miller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alder Bauman. The motion carried on voice vote.

Nicole M. Cummings, Deputy Clerk