

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Alder Miller called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Alder Miller and Alder Bauman. Alternate Alder Marsh, Mayor Armstrong, Police Chief Kelley, City Administrator Rath, Public Works Director Gerber and other city employees were also present. Alder Beer was absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC

None

D. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COMMON COUNCIL

1. Green County Family YMCA Fall Fundraiser
2. St. Clare of Assisi 100 Year Celebration 5K Run/Walk

Police Chief Kelley explained them both at one time. The Green County Family YMCA Fall Fundraiser is on October 15th from 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM and will be held entirely on their property.

St. Clare of Assisi 100 Year Celebration 5K Run/Walk will take place on October 22nd from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM at the Slice Arena and other parts within the city. The committee would only be approving the parts of the event that are being held in the city. For example the Badger Trail is outside the city limits. He sent a copy of everything over to the County Sheriff so that he is aware. He has told the organizers that they have to talk to the County, Township, DNR, etc about the areas that are outside the city limits.

Police Chief Kelley asked for them to both be approved.

Alder Bauman made a motion to approve both special event permits. Alder Marsh seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

2. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ZONE ON WEST SIDE OF 1700 BLOCK OF 15TH AVENUE

Police Chief Kelley explained. There was a letter in the packet from Robert Finley who is a driver for the school bus company. He is asking that next to Sinner's on 15th Ave there be a no parking zone. Police Chief Kelley said he drove the area and when cars are on both sides of the street it only leaves one lane for traffic. Then traffic gets backed up at the stop sign by the railroad crossing. Mr. Finley requested this no parking zone be in effect 7:30 AM -4:30 PM. Police Chief Kelley said to add in the wording "only on school days" and he thinks that will take care of the problem that Mr. Finley is referring to. Police Chief Kelley is fine with this request as is Public

Works Director Gerber. Alder Marsh made a motion to put up the sign as Police Chief Kelley stated. Alder Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

3. RECENT “SPECIAL” EVENTS THAT HAVE VIOLATED CITY CODE, STATE STATUTES, OR PROVISIONS OF PERMIT

Alder Bauman explained that she asked for this item to be put on the agenda. The Green County Fair Association held the Cheese County Challenge Tractor Pull at the end of August. She said their permit for alcohol sales and the event expired at 6:00 PM and at 7:15 -7:30 PM she was getting complaint calls because it was still going on. Alder Bauman said there are two violations there, one by serving the alcohol after the license expired and the other for continuing the event after the special event permit had expired. She said they did have the City Attorney look into what the penalties would be and they are very stiff penalties.

Alder Bauman said she has also heard that the Lion’s Club was serving wine at an event when they only had a beer license. She said because of these recent violations she felt that they needed to discuss what they should be doing when these violations happen going forward. Discussion took place. Police Chief Kelley said it is very hard to go out and enforce during the event, it is an after the event enforcement. He said there are a couple of options – sending a letter from the City Attorney or when applying for permits the next time they have to come to the committee meeting and plead their case. More discussion took place.

Alder Miller asked if these were the only two events that there have been problems with. Police Chief Kelley said they have also had problems with the Bock Run. This run has been going on for many years and he is unsure who the sponsor is but he has an idea who it may be. It takes place with no permits, no insurance, and no sanctions by anyone. Discussion took place.

Police Chief Kelly said he feels at this point a letter from the City Attorney would be the way to go rather than issuing fines right now. The Committee said it would be a warning letter with the fine amounts and telling them that the next time they will be fined.

Mayor Armstrong asked Deputy Clerk Cummings if there was a system with the permits where a note is attached to past permits to let you know for the next year if there was an issue the last time the event was held. Deputy Clerk Cummings said there is not currently a system for that. Alder Bauman said the committee relies on Police Chief Kelley to let them know if there has been an issue when he talks about the event to the committee when they apply for the next permit. Discussion took place. More questions were asked of Deputy Clerk Cummings and discussion took place.

The committee asked Police Chief Kelley to follow up with the City Attorney on this and have him write letters to the ones we are aware of right now. They asked that in the future he just let the City Attorney know when there is an issue and to have him send a letter. They also asked Police Chief Kelley to make them aware of any issues that happen going forward.

They asked when permits are issued in the future that there is a letter on the front of the permit and/or license that states what fines could be issued if the permit/license is not followed.

Police Chief Kelley reminded the committee that the City Attorney would charge for each letter that is sent out. The committee said they were fine with that as that would be cheaper than having to deal with an issue on the back end.

E. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

Alder Marsh made a motion to adjourn. Alder Bauman seconded the motion. The motion was carried on voice vote.

Nicole M. Cummings, Deputy Clerk