PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

10/21/15

6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Barb Jordan

Jim Houdek

Venise Mugler

Sue Kozlowski

Greg Sondalle

Kevin Schaefer

Meg McCullough/Absent-Excused

Others Present:

Chief Richard Olson

Chief Glen Bubolz

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Faulkner

Tawsif Anam

**2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Monthly Reports

Chief Bubolz read his September monthly report (copy attached.)

Motion by Sondalle, second by Mugler to approve September monthly report. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Bill Faulkner/Speed Sign Change Request**

Bill stated that he had circulated a petition getting 60 plus signatures requesting a speed limit change

to 25 MPH on STH 23 West in the area of his motel. He was in contact with the DOT. He stated he is

content with the recent 35 MPH zone. He already has noticed the decrease in jake breaking in the

area. Mr. Faulkner was thanked for his efforts as we have little local control over state highways.

**B. STH 23 West/DOT Speed Change:**

Chief Olson stated that this speed change has been discussed for quite some time at the quarterly

Highway Dept. meetings. Speed limits on state highways are determined by the DOT using an

equation involving many different factors from number of cars to number of accidents to number of

businesses and residences etc. He presented copies of the memorandum received from Dan

Brugman, WIDOT NCR Traffic Safety Engineer. Chief also stated he met on Monday with Mary from

the Marquette Co. Tribune and they went out to STH 23W. She will publish info concerning this speed

change in the Tribune.

**C. Ordinances**

**#291-8 Snow and Ice Removal**

**#323-2 Parking Restrictions**

Chief Olson advised that the winter No Parking 2AM-6 AM goes into effect on November 1. Both of

these Ordinances will be published in the Tribune. Sondalle expressed concern as the bars are open

until 2:30 AM. Chief Olson advised that his officers always check the outer areas of the city first while

enforcing the Ordinance and come to the downtown area last. Chief Olson also stated there are

exceptions/situations and the person needs to call the Police Department to advise of their situation.

**D. Trick or Treat:**

The hours for Trick or Treat in the City of Montello will be 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, October

31, 2015. Chief Bubolz stated that the Montello Fire Department will also, once again assist with

safety for this event.

**E. Change to Police Chief Pay Structure:**

Jordan stated that she has been working on this, along with Mayor Doudna for quite some time. She

provided info on salaries of like population and size to come up with a figure. She stated that Chief

Olson will no longer receive any comp time which amounts to hundreds of hours a year. Mugler

inquired as to the minimum of hours he will need to provide, which is 2080 plus any additional time

needed to get the job done. Chief Olson is happy with the salaried position stating that the Municipal

Court involves a lot of work and needs to be managed well. Jordan stated that this information was

advisory only as the salaried position had passed the Finance Committee last week. Houdek stated

he agrees with the salary and feels the Police Chief should be a salaried position. Kozlowski asked if

this would affect his vacation and sick time which it will not.

**F. 2015 Squad Purchase CD Info:**

Chief Olson presented a hand out detailing the amount of CD’s totaling $23,217.30 which were cashed

in for payment of the new squad along with other expenses of installing the equipment, decals etc.

which totaled $18,962.71. The balance remaining is $4,254.59. Jordan reminded the Committee that at

the end of 2014 the Police Department also turned $8,000 from their budget back into the general

fund. Motion by Houdek, second by Kozlowski to put the $4,254.50 CD balance back into a CD for

future Police Department equipment. Motion carried.

Schlaefer inquired as to any special equipment that will need to be replaced in the near future. Chief

Olson stated that our radar is 7-8 years old and will need to be replaced soon at a cost of

approximately $2,500. Also our WatchGuard Camera system, which we purchased with a grant has

some pixels burned out and will need to replaced soon as well. He stated that he has recently spoken

with Corey from the State regarding any future state grants and was told the soonest there may be an

equipment grant available would maybe be November 2016.

**G. Michael Andrews Resignation:**

Chief Olson advised that Officer Andrews resigned last Thursday. He stated the position has been

advertised on Wilenet since Monday and we have received 5 applicants through today. The cost of

hiring a new officer was discussed. Various pay options were discussed and will be looked into.

Schaefer inquired as to are we still looking to hire another part time officer. Chief Olson stated he is

hoping to get several good candidates for the full time position which would enable us to possibly hire

a part time officer at this time as well.

**H. Citizen Comments:**

Tawsif Anam introduced himself as the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Director for US Senator Ron Johnson stating he is here to serve as the messenger to Senator Johnson in all federal matters. He passed out business cards.

**I. Monthly Reports:**

The monthly reports were presented by Chief Olson. Comp time balance for Chief Olson is 23.75 hours

and comp time balance for Officer Andrews is 21.25 hours. This month’s total court revenue was $3,201.15 which is incredible and very positive for the City. In reviewing the Law Incident Report Chief Olson reported that there have been some serious issues going on in Montello. Jordan stated she appreciates getting this report as it tells the Committee the nature of the incidents that do occur and thanked Houdek for asking for some type of report showing what the Police Department does during each month. Motion by Sondalle, second by Mugler to accept the Monthly Reports. Motion carried.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**5. Adjournment:**

Motion by Houdek, second by Schaefer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 PM

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller