PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 21, 2017

6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order:** 6:00 PM

 Roll Call:

 Barb Jordan, Chair

 Jim Houdek

 Venise Mugler

 Sue Kozlowski

 Bill Faulkner

 Kelly Kenitz

 Seth Hardell

 Others Present:

 Tom & Patti Fritsche

 Chief Olson

 Chief Bubolz (Absent)

**2. Fire Department:**

 **Old Business:** None

 **New Business:**

 In Chief Bubolz’s absence his May Incident Report was read by Chair Jordan.

 Motion by Kenitz, second by Faulkner to accept the May Incident Report. Motion carried.

**3. Police Department:**

 **Old Business:**

 Taste of Montello Event-Tom Fritsche

 Tom updated the committee on the planned events stating he has received an overwhelming positive

 response for this event to be held at the City Park on 7/2/17.

 Chief Olson thanked Tom for all his hard work for the organization of this event and bringing it back

 to the City.

 **New Business:**

 A. Resignation of Officer Zachery Roberts

 Chair Jordan read the resignation letter of Officer Roberts effective the end of June. Officer Roberts

 has accepted a position with Adams County Sheriff’s Department.

 Motion by Faulkner, second by Mugler to accept this resignation.

 Chief Olson stated that the hiring process has begun and they are planning the first round of

 interviews on 6/28/17.

 B. Ordinance Violation Information:

 Chief Olson presented a handout giving information on referrals to our City contracted vendor for

 lawn mowing since May 1, 2017 which is 15 referrals. 13 Citations were issued to owners/renters

 totaling $1,515.90 in fines.

 A warning letter was also issued to the owner of a vacant building in downtown Montello giving them

 20 days to bring the building into compliance with the Ordinance. This structure presents safety

 issues as well as an appearance issue.

 Three other warning letters were also mailed to citizens for various ordinance violations.

 Chief Olson reminded the Committee that the referrals to the City vendor will not cost the City

 money as these fees will be added to the property owner’s taxes at the end of the year. He

 thanked Houdek and License and Ordinance Committee for revising these Ordinances which makes

 it easier and faster to take action on these properties.

 Raze and repair was also discussed for a few of the structures in the City. Chief Olson stated that this

 is a legal and costly process and he may be adding additional dollars to his budget for City Attorney

 fees who would be required for this process.

 **C. Citizen Comments:**

 None

 **D. Monthly Reports:**

 Chief Olson outlined the nature of some of the more serious incidents of the 49 reported in May.

 Motion by Houdek, second by Mugler to accept monthly reports. Motion carried.

**4. Any Other Business:**

 Kenitz asked when the No Parking signs on the East side of Douglas Street would be installed. Chief

 Olson will check into that with the DPW Dept.

 Chief Olson advised that MPD has received numerous calls from citizens regarding the IRS phone

 scam threatening people with a warrant due to owed taxes. He stated we advise callers not to give

 any information and hang up.

**5. Adjournment:**

 Motion by Kenitz, second by Kozlowski to adjourn. Motion carried.

 Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller