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