PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6:00 PM

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

**Roll Call:**

Barb Jordan, Chair

Jim Houdek

Venise Mugler/Absent-Excused

Sue Kozlowski

Kelly Kenitz

Seth Hardell

Bill Faulkner

**Other’s Present:**

Chief Richard Olson

Chief Glen Bubolz

Mayor Gary Doudna

Bob Dawidziak

**2. Fire Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Monthly Report

Chief Bubolz read his monthly report (copy attached.)

B. Jt. Fire District Quarterly Report-Mayor Doudna

As the Jt. Fire District receives money from the City of Montello Mayor Doudna gave a few highlights

of the meeting which was held on 1/7/18. He stated the new fire truck has been ordered and in 4-5

years they will need another. Mayor Doudna stated we need to start budgeting and planning ahead.

He also stated that Chief Bubolz does an excellent job as Fire Chief for the City of Montello and puts

in a lot of hours.

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Produce Stand/Bob Dawidziak

Bob stated that his 2 year approval to use City Lot 4 for his produce stand is up. He would once again

like permission to continue having his produce stand at that location. In return he donates all of the

flowers in the barrels in the City Hall parking lot in the summer for this privilege. He also offered to

decorate the barrels for fall and winter holidays as well. Jean is to check with Dawn to see if this

should occur. Motion by Kenitz, second by Faulkner to grant Dawidziak another 2 year extension.

Motion carried.

B. City Hall Safety and Improvement/Mayor Doudna

Mayor Doudna stated it is time to move forward with security for City Hall. He outlined a few

options that he has checked into and will present to the appropriate committees. He stated he is

concerned with the safety of the staff and citizens as he himself has witnessed a few situations which

have made him uncomfortable. The Marquette County Courthouse and Montello Schools have

done this and patrons will adapt to any changes made regarding entrance to City Hall. Chief Olson

thanked the Mayor for being proactive and stated we are living in a new era and it is time to do

this. The Committee concurred.

C. Squad Computer:

Chief Olson reported that the Panasonic squad computer has not been working well. Our IT man

worked on it for 3-4 hours last week. The touch screen is broken ($1,000 to repair) and the mouse

pad is not working well ($500 to repair.) It has to be reset and rebooted regularly. The computer is

over 5 years old and needs to be replaced. Chief Olson estimated the cost of a new computer at

$2,500 to $3,500. Chief Olson stated he will check into any possible grants for this purchase. It will

be purchased from Baycom which has the state contract.

D. Squad Accident

On 1/13/18 the squad was involved in an accident as it was traveling eastbound on E. Montello

Street. A. driver came out of Kwik Trip and crossed the center line hitting the entire driver side of the

Squad. Chief Olson is currently working on this claim and has enlisted the expertise of the WI League

of Municipalities in this claim.

E. Citizen Comments:

Mayor Doudna stated he saw MPD in action regarding the 2 semis that collided turning the corner at

Underwood Ave and W. Montello Street.

Chief Olson stated Officer Kierstyn was recently involved in a high speed chase that ended in an

arrest and no damage to the squad.

F. Monthly Reports:

December monthly reports were reviewed. Motion by Faulkner, second by Kenitz to accept monthly

reports. Motion carried.

4. Any Other Business:

Jordan stated citizen committee members will start receiving a $30 stipend beginning with this

meeting.

Jordan stated MPD will once again be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy beginning in February. She

suggested a special invite to any aldermen that did not attend the last one. Notification will be

published shortly regarding the enrollment process to attend this Academy.

Kozlowski stated that Chief Olson will begin DARE class next week and there will be 56 kids in the

class at Forest Lane.

5. Adjournment:

Motion by Houdek, second by Kozlowski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:52 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller