PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

5/20/15

6:00 PM

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

 **ROLL CALL:**

 Barb Jordan, Chair

 Jim Houdek

 Venise Mugler

 Sue Kozlowski

 Kevin Schaefer

 Meg McCullough

 Greg Sondalle

 Others Present:

 Patricia Schaefer

 Chief Olson

 Chief Bubolz-Absent

Chair Jordan introduced and welcomed new members Venise Mugler and Sue Kozlowski.

**2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

 Chief Bubolz did not attend tonight’s meeting so no Fire Department business was discussed.

**3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

 Old Business: None

 New Business:

 A. City Park Keys

 There was discussion concerning the fact that an unknown number of people currently have keys

 to the City Park. Patricia and Kevin Schaefer commented that the Park Board is currently in the

 process of making changes regarding the locks which should alleviate this problem in the future.

 The Application and Rules for Use of Park Facilities form was also discussed and changes will also

 be made to that form by the Park Board which would go into effect in 2016 pending approval by

 the City Council.

 It was asked if the funds collected for the use of the City Park could go into the Park

 Budget instead of the General Fund. Jordan stated that Police Department collections go into the

 General Fund also as each Department has a yearly budget.

 B. Fish ‘N Fun Debrief

 Chief Olson stated that in general it was a great event. The weather being a major contributor. He

 expressed concern over people with open intoxicants walking on the streets and standing out in

 front of bars with alcohol. He estimated that at around 11 PM there were 450-500 people in the

 downtown area.

 Another area of concern was there were not enough porta-potties and people were urinating

 behind the TW Design property. The streets were littered with trash, beer cups and cigarette

 butts. There were a few street crossing incidents as well.

 Ideas discussed for next year’s event included fencing off the West Street area, having wrist

 bands for legal age drinkers, hiring security staff and educating bartenders.

 Chief Olson was also asked by people why the firefighters and their family and friends

 could sit outside the fire station drinking and walking around with alcohol. He stated that he

 has spoken to Chief Bubolz about this complaint.

 Schaefer asked if any citations were written for open intoxicants and Chief Olson stated that there

 were just two officers and himself on duty and they were busy with crowd control and had one

 disorderly conduct incident as well to take care of. Sondalle suggested that perhaps the citations

 should be written to the bar owner if patrons are seen coming out of their establishment with

 open intoxicants. Sondalle suggested to let the bartenders help out as much as possible also

 by checking ID’s etc. McCullough suggested that all bartenders take a refresher course in checking

 ID’s as laws change.

 All businesses reported having great business during the entire festival which brought money

 into the City. This is a positive event and with more planning and education it will just keep getting

 better.

 C. New Squad

 Chief Olson reported that the transition went well; however there is still some equipment such

 as the cage partition and brackets to mount the camera system that are back ordered. The decals

 will be put on sometime within the next week. He stated that the new vehicle is great quality and

 it was a smart decision to trade the Dodge when we did.

 D. Update on Part-time Officer

 Chief Olson stated that he is disappointed with the applications we received and will be reposting

 the employment notice. He will have contact with staff at the police academy in Madison and

 plans to contact FVTC as well. This position is for approximately 60 to 100 hours per month.

 E. Community Service Projects/Fed Prison/Oxford

 Chief stated that the FCI Oxford inmates will be in the area again 7/13 through 7/17/15 per the

 notice he received from US DOJ Federal Bureau of Prisons on 4/16/15. When asked where they

 would be working he thought the school but was not sure. Jean was asked to follow-up on their

 location and e-mail the committee members with the info.

 F. DARE Graduation

 Chief Olson stated that 57 kids from St. John’s Lutheran and Forest Lane schools received their

 DARE Graduation Certificates yesterday. Chief stated that the Program lasted 12 weeks and he

 considers it a very worthwhile scientific based program. This was his 16th year of teaching DARE.

 The Chief received congratulations from Jordan and a thank you from McCullough for the extra

 community services that are performed by the Department such as DARE, the bike rodeo and

 the Drug Drop-off etc.

 G. Citizen Comments

 None

 H. Monthly Reports

 The monthly reports were discussed and approved with a motion by Houdek, second by

 Sondalle, motion carried.

 Chief Olson has a comp time balance of 33.75 hours

 Officer Andrews has a comp time balance of 13.25 hours

 4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

 Jordan inquired as to the status of the building located at 70 W. Montello Street where

 there has been scaffolding since last summer. The building owner was at the Public Safety

 meeting in December requesting permission to keep the scaffolding up until the project

 was completed in early spring and there is no sign of any activity there.

 Chief Olson advised that a letter was recently sent to them inquiring as to when the project

 will be completed.

 5. Adjournment

 Motion to adjourn by Schaefer, second by McCullough, motion carried.

 Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM

Next meeting scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller