CITY OF MONTELLO

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20, 2025

6:00 PM

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

**Roll Call:** Venise Mugler, Brian Schrimpf, Richard Dufour, Danielle Pierce, Chuck Bornhoeft, Jim Sramek, Kelly Kenitz

**Others Present:** Captain Kowalski, Acting Mayor Ken Striech, City Clerk Lindsey Machkovich, Bill Faulkner, Mark Robinson, Ron Knutson

**2. Fire Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business: None

 **New Business**:

1. Forest Lane ATV Traffic, Discussion with Possible Action. Captain Kowalski has no objection either way. Dick stated that this is not a good idea. Motion to approve Forest Lane and Douglas Avenue to ATV traffic by Mugler. Seconded by Jim. **Motion to allow ATV traffic on Forest Lane and Douglas Avenue failed after a roll call vote of the committee.**
2. Discussion regarding 2026 Public Safety Budget, no action taken.
3. Part-Time Officer Position, Discussion with Possible Action. Captain Kowalski stated that his vision was to have a certain Officer in that position, but she has since accepted a full-time position. He would like to either put that money into another account or remove it. City Clerk Machkovich informed him the part-time position does not have its own account suggested the $5,000.00 for a part-time officer stay in the professional services account to help with overages that are anticipated in Q3 and Q4.
4. Downtown Noise Complaints, Discussion with Possible Action. Captain Kowalski asked the committee if they had heard any complaints about noise in the downtown area. No one had any complaints.
5. Monthly Reports. Updated by Captain Kowalski that there were 48 total cases for month of July. Motion to approve the monthly report by Kenitz. Seconded by Dufour. Motion approved.
6. Municipal Court Update. Updated by Captain Kowalski stated that the City of Adams will be joining Municipal Court. City of Montello will need to pass an ordinance to put City of Adams on for 4th quarter of 2025. Clerk Machkovich will have it at September Council Meeting for review and approval.
7. Citizen Comments: Mark Robinson thanked the committee for voting down to open atv/utv traffic on Forest and Douglas Ave. Bill Faulkner is concerned about the heavy equipment traffic on Park Street and would like more signs on Highway 22 to direct truck traffic to right route. Captain Kowalski stated that he will put it on the Traffic Safety Metting agenda in October.

**4. Other Business**: Captain Kowalski stated that he would like to thank everyone for the parade.

**5. Adjournment:** Motion by Mugler, second by Dufour adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned 6:41 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Minutes submitted by Bobbi Richter.