

## Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee October 21, 2020

Members Present:           Councilor Elm  
                                  Councilor Sutherland  
                                  Councilor Dalbec

Others Present:        Chief Gordon, Chief Alexander, Todd Janigo, Lt. Trone, Shelley Nelson,  
                              Officer Brad Jago, Citizen Dean Larson

Some participants joined the meeting via Google Meet.

Councilor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: September 16, 2020

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from September 16, 2020.*

### **Standing Agenda items:**

#### 1. Fire Department Update

Chief Gordon said the department has had two cases of members testing positive for COVID. So far these cases have not spread to the rest of the department. The policies and procedures that they have developed are working and Chief Gordon said he is proud that it is all working well. Chief Gordon said there will be interviews this coming Saturday for new candidates. There are currently four openings and Chief Gordon would like to get four qualified candidates started shortly after the first of the year. Chief Gordon talked about the fire department's relationship with Enbridge and the exercises planned in the near future for both the police and fire departments. Chief Gordon thinks that these exercises will provide excellent learning experiences to prepare for upcoming incidents that could occur, such as the Husky fire.

#### 2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander said the police department has had some significant COVID exposure. There have been seven officers that have tested positive. All are back to work and doing great. Chief Alexander said the schedule has been manageable, and we've been able to fill those vacancies while those officers were in quarantine. We've now had no positive test results for a couple weeks. Beginning this Friday there will be a drive up testing site at the Amsoil building on Susquehanna Ave. Chief Alexander said we have made conditional offers to four candidates. Three of the candidates are female. A definite step in a positive direction and Chief Alexander is excited to have the diversity and the different dynamic that it will bring to the department. There have been four recent promotions to Sergeant and they are all doing well. We

have had some significant calls recently with the homicide and the shooting in the bar district and the young officers and new supervisors that we have all have done a great job on those calls.

*No action*

## **New Business**

### 1. Elections

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to nominate Councilor Sutherland as Chair.*

*Motion by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to nominate Councilor Dalbec as Vice Chair.*

### 2. Held in Committee: Chronic Nuisance Premises

Officer Jago explained the pending change to this ordinance, adding placing a placard to chronic nuisance properties. Officer Jago said this placard would include the both the renter's and landlord's contact information, and would help officers who approached the house to know the history, and help us work against these types of issues so that they don't continue.

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve the amendment to section 86-13 (C) to include the addition of the informational placard.*

### 3. Councilor Dalbec: Consider removing calendar parking on North 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Catlin Avenue to the dead end.

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to approve removing calendar parking on North 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Catlin Avenue to the dead end.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.*