

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee June 12, 2013

Members Present: Councilor Warren Bender
 Councilor Mick MacKenzie
 Councilor Dan Olson
 Councilor Tom Fennessey

Others Present: Deputy Chief Matt Markon, Chief Panger

Councilor Bender called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted that roll call had been taken by sign up.

Approval of Public Safety meeting minutes of April 10, 2013.

***Motion** by Councilor Olson seconded by Councilor MacKenzie and carried to approve Public Safety meeting minutes from April 10, 2013.*

Standing Agenda Items

Fire Department update

Chief Panger told the committee that to date there have been 1400 runs this year, 1100 of those were medical, 16 structure fires, one fire involving a civilian death. Chief Panger noted it has been a busy year. Chief Panger also told the committee that ipads that were purchased through a grant have been implemented, and have proven very successful. Emergency response plans can be stored on the ipads, which are readily available in the fire rigs. Chief Panger said it is impressive to see how this tool works. There is one in each rig, five total, and they were used at a Calumet exercise recently. Chief Panger talked about finishing the last drill for a water shuttle drill. One of the goals in doing this is to lower the ISO rating (Insurance Service Office).

Police Department update

Deputy Chief Markon told the committee that summertime has arrived and it is busy for the department. There are also a couple of major investigations ongoing. We are currently short staffed. Three officers are in the 4th week of recruit school now, expected back mid-August to continue with FTO program. All three should be trained and ready to be on the street without supervision by December.

Synthetic drugs and their effects were discussed.

***Motion** by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Bender and carried to receive & file the Fire & Police department updates.*

New Business

1. Elections

Motion by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Bender and carried to nominate Councilor Mackenzie to Chair and Councilor Bender as Vice Chair.

2. Referred from June 4, 2013 Council meeting, Councilor Fennessey requesting consideration of an ordinance allowing Low Speed Vehicle use on city streets

Low speed vehicles were discussed. Councilor Fennessey addressed the committee and gave some details about these vehicles. Councilor Fennessey hopes that the presence of the vehicles will encourage other businesses to use them as well to promote a greener city. There was much discussion about the vehicles, their safety, capabilities, etc.

Motion by Councilor Bender, seconded by Councilor Olson and carried to approve drafting an ordinance for Low Speed Vehicles for use on City streets.

Motion by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Bender and carried to adjourn. The Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.