

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee October 8, 2014

Members Present: Councilor Warren Bender
Councilor Dennis Dalbec
Councilor Esther Dalbec

Others Present: Chief LaGesse, Chief Panger,
Mary Morgan, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Excused: Councilor Dan Olson

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 January 8, 2014.

Motion by Councilor E. Dalbec seconded by Councilor D. Dalbec and carried to approve Public Safety meeting minutes from January 8, 2014.

Fire Department Update:

No update

Police Department Update:

Chief LaGesse spoke about the departments' budget expenditures thus far for this year. Chief LaGesse also talked about the recent homicide and the rise of heroin use, overdoses, and how drug use affects the community's property crimes.

New Business:

1. Elections

Motion by Councilor E. Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Bender and carried to nominate Councilor D. Dalbec as Chair.

Motion by Councilor E. Dalbec, seconded by Councilor D. Dalbec and carried to nominate Councilor Bender as Vice Chair.

2. Referred from September 16, 2014 Council meeting, 86-27, Panhandling Prohibited in Specified Areas.

Chief LaGessee told committee members about some of the complaints about panhandlers he has received from officers, and from local business owners and citizens. Chief LaGessee explained the ordinance that he's drafted. The ordinance provides for a buffer zone around local businesses.

Motion to by Councilor D. Dalbec, seconded by E. Dalbec and carried to approve Ordinance 86-27 Panhandling Prohibited in Specified Areas with the change of spelling of 'illicit' to 'elicit' in B, Prohibited Acts, #6.

3. Referred from December 18, 2012 Council meeting, 86-26, False Alarms

Chief LaGessee talked about excessive false alarms to businesses. There was some discussion on false alarms.

Motion by Councilor E. Dalbec, seconded by D. Dalbec and carried to approve the modification of the language of Ordinance 86-26 False Alarms, to include the following change to: (b) A \$50 charge may be assessed for each additional false alarm after five or more false alarms in a calendar year against any licensee, occupant or owner of a premises. And the following addition to: (c), Any payments not made will either result in a non-renewal of applicable license or added on to the appropriate property tax bill.

**This language allowing fees to be assessed was inadvertently deleted in a 2008 re-write of the ordinance.*

Councilor Bender spoke about the possibility of a person monitoring activities at the skate park.

Motion by Councilor E. Dalbec, seconded by D. Dalbec and carried to adjourn the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.