

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Minutes**

### **Thursday, October 19, 2023**

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*The meeting was called to order by Councilor Ledin at 6:01 pm on October 19, 2023, in Government Center Room 204.*

Committee Members: Nick Ledin -Chair, Tylor Elm- Vice Chair, Mark Johnson, Mike Herrick

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Nick Ledin-Chair, Tylor Elm-Vice Chair, Mark Johnson, Mike Herrick

VIRTUAL: Lieutenant Thor Trone

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Fire Chief Camron Vollbrecht, Nikki Kalan

OTHERS PRESENT: John Ramos

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **2.1. Public Safety Committee (Meeting held September 21, 2023)**

**MOTION by Tylor Elm, second by Mike Herrick, and carried to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting.**

#### **3. RECURRING**

##### **3.1. Police and Fire Department Updates**

Lieutenant Trone states the Police Department is taking further steps to get a therapy dog. Members from the department attended a therapy dog training session in Stevens Point on 10/18/23. The estimated time to receive a therapy dog is currently May 2024. Chief Alexander will be retiring early 2024; Police Chief position has been posted today. Chief Alexander recently attended a holocaust training that was impactful. The speaker of the holocaust training will be returning to our area in December to present the training again, this will be mandatory for the Police Department and other local agencies will be invited to attend as well. Councilor Ledin stated he was listening to WI public radio, and they mentioned the FBI and Homeland Security were putting out warnings around increased violence around Jewish, Muslim, and Arab communities. Lieutenant Trone states when intelligence briefings are received, they are put out to the department so they can be reviewed, and appropriate action can be taken when necessary.

Chief Vollbrecht gave an update on recent and upcoming trainings in the Fire Department. October is Fire Safety Month. The Fire Department has been in schools this month and home schoolers were able to visit HQ this week to learn more about fire safety. There will be an open house this Saturday, October 21 at 1PM at Headquarters. The department received their personal watercraft rescue recently.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **4.1. Add No Parking Sign – 2415 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St from the bus shelter to the driveway – Request from the DTA Director of Operations, Jeffrey Dahlgren**

Public Works received a request from Jeffrey Dahlgren, Director of Operations at the DTA. The Meridian Group manages the apartment building on this road and were notified of this request.

Councilor Johnson recommends notifying the Housing Authority who owns the property across the

street before the Council votes on this. Councilor Johnson also recommends putting a warning sign a couple days before a no parking sign goes up if approved.

**MOTION by Mark Johnson, second by Tylor Elm, and carried to approve. Will send to Council.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT at 6:22 by Councilor Ledin.**

*Submitted by Nikki Kalan*