

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 5, 2019

The Public Safety Committee met on February 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairman Hughes, Alderman Sharp, Alderman Braun

Others in attendance: Clerk Hurd, Police Chief Mettille, Fire Chief Benisch
Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Connor

Absent: None

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the budget January 2019 Budget.

2019 BUDGET:

Chief Mettille and Chief Benisch reported that they were working with Office Manager Passage on the 2019 Budget.

PAWN SHOP:

Discussion was held.

The committee was in agreement to place the Pawn Shop Ordinance on the next council agenda.

SECONDHAND GOODS ORDINANCE:

Discussion was held.

The committee was in agreement to place the Amended Secondhand Goods Ordinance on the next council agenda.

MOTORIZED BICYCLES:

Chief Mettille reviewed the draft of the Ordinance. Alderman Jenkins led discussion on how motorized bicycles are regulated by the State of Illinois and told the committee that he feels that the city should use those regulations for guidelines. And if the city does there were not be a need for a city ordinance. After a lengthy discussion on whether to regulate motorized bicycles the committee decided to remove the topic from the committee agenda with no further discussion. Alderman Braun thanked Chief Mettille for the time he put in on researching the topic.

FINES GOLF CART TRAILERS:

Chief Mettille led a lengthy discussion on current fees for violations as it is written in the city ordinance. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to have any additions fines for trailers.

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POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Mettill informed the committee that Officer Bastian is now on family leave due to the medical status of his son. He informed the committee that the Police Department is working on various fundraisers to help with medical expenses.

Chief Mettill informed the committee that Detective Brown is on medical leave.

Chief Mettill explained to the committee that due to those Officers on leave his overtime budget is high but not over budgeted at this time.

Chief Mettill presented monthly reports.

FIRE UPDATE:

Chief Benisch presented monthly reports.

NEW/OLD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE GRANT UPDATE: No Report

422 Wilmott:

Clerk Hurd read communications from Office Manager in regards to the property. Mr. Randall Hills, property owner, addressed the committee. He informed the committee that he has a contract with the previous owner in regards to the garage. Mr. Hills is trying to get into contact the previous owner about demolishing the building. He asked if there were any permits needed. The committee informed him that he would need to contact Office Manager Passage in regards to a demolition permit. Chief Mettill recommended to the committee to have Mr. Hill secure the building and give him time to work with the previous owner to demolish the structure and to have him report back at the next committee meeting. The consensus of the committee was to discuss the progress at next month's meeting.

609 SECOND STREET:

Clerk Hurd read communications from Office Manager in regards to the property. Chief Benisch informed the committee that he has been in contact with the owner of the property. He informed her that she has 30 days to complete. Chief Benisch informed the committee that she will report back to him before the 30 days are up. The consensus of the committee was to discuss the property at the March meeting.

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AGENDA ITEMS

Ordinance – Secondhand Goods
Ordinance – Pawn Shop

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Hurd, City Clerk