

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
July 7, 2020

The Public Safety Committee met via teleconference, on July 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall. The meeting was broadcasted to the public via ZOOM.

Present at the Meeting in the Council Chambers: Chairman Sharp, Alderman Jenkins, Mayor White, Clerk Hurd, Police Chief Mettille, ED Director Beadles, Office Manager Passage, and Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hurd.

Present at the Meeting via teleconference: Alderman Hughes and City Attorney Mike Seghetti

Present at the Meeting via Zoom: None

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at 4:32pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Citizen Gary Swanson appeared before the committee. Mr. Swanson informed the committee that he owns the property at 1007 N Santa Fe Ave. He informed the committee that he has been working on property improvements however due to the extreme heat progress has been slow and asked the committee for an extension to complete. Mr. Swanson informed the committee that he had failed the electrical inspection, however he has made the suggested changes and is waiting on a second inspection. Mr. Swanson answered several questions from committee members in regards to the property improvement. Assistant Fire Chief Hurd informed the committee that he gave Mr. Swanson his letter of violation on June 6 and has visited the property and seen some progress. The consensus of the committee was to allow Mr. Swanson a 30 day extension and directed Asst. Chief Hurd to inspect the property in 3 weeks (before the next committee meeting).

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

The committee reviewed and discussed the property maintenance report as submitted by Asst. Chief Hurd. Report attached to minutes.

A lengthy discussion wash held on the property located at 1403 N Second Street.

Chief Mettille informed the committee that Bryce Lauber is buying the property contract for deed. He explained that a letter of violation was sent back in October of 2019. Asst. Chief Hurd reported that no improvements have been made to the property. Chief Mettille and Asst. Chief Hurd agreed that the property should be deemed dangerous. It was the recommendation of Chief Mettille and Asst. Chief Hurd to send a 30 day notice of violation letter to the Kay Stoltz and Bryce Lauber and review at the next meeting.

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

Chief Mettille reported that all budgeted items are with in guidelines.

**GOLF CART ORDINANCE – SEAT BELTS and GOLF CART TRAILERS- LICNESING:**

Alderman Hughes informed the committee that he had the topics placed on the agenda. He asked the two topics be withdrawn. There was no discussion.

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**REQUEST – DAN FARRELL:**

Mayor White discussed the communications from Mr. Farrell regarding his request to rescind Ordinance 20-04-12 (violation of governors' executive order) that was presented at the April 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Mayor White explained that the city follows IML suggestions and that it was expressed to him that if these orders were not followed it was possible that the city could lose funding or grants.

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES:**

Mayor White explained possible changes to the building permit fees. Since the resignation of Scott Wolf the city has hired Dick Young to do electrical inspections and Tony Griffin to do structural inspections. After meeting with the two inspectors Mayor White suggested that a re-inspection fee be added to the code. Discussion was held and it was the consensus to forward the topic onto Judicial Committee for review.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Mettillie reviewed monthly reports. He reported that things are going well with the new Police Officer (Stevens). He informed the committee that the Police Commission will be requesting the hiring of Justin Kitts for the department. He reported that his department has started inspections for golf carts. This had been delayed due to COVID.

**NEW/OLD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

All discussion was held under Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CHAIRMAN ACTIONS**

Report to council on 30 day property maintenance extension for 107 N Santa Fe Ave.  
Refer building permit fee to Judicial Committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Sharp