

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 1, 2018

The Public Safety Committee met on May 1, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Present: Alderman Sharp, Alderman Braun, Mayor White,
Fire Chief Benisch, Police Chief Mettille, Office Manager Passage, City Clerk Hurd,
Attorney Michael Seghetti
Absent: Chairman Hughes

Alderman Sharp announced that he will preside over the meeting since Chairman Hughes is absent due to medical reasons. Alderman Sharp called the meeting to order.

Alderman Sharp asked if there were no objectives he would start with agenda item, Pearl Technology. There were no objections.

PEARL TECHNOLOGY - AGREEMENT

Police Chief Mettille told the committee that the city has used Pearl Technology in the past for computer support and would like to sign a service agreement with them. Chief Mettille referred to Office Manager Passage to present the details of the service agreement. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for a service agreement with Pearl Technology.

DISPATCH CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

Chief Mettille presented the committee with pricing for 5 year dispatching services with the City of Peoria (Exhibit A). The city attorney reviewed the agreement. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the committee to have the city attorney work with the City of Peoria city attorney to finalize the terms and seek council approval.

OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE FEES

Chief Mettille told the committee that he would recommend charging a standard rate of \$45.00 per hour any special event open container request. The consensus of the committee was in favor of the charge.

POLICE UPDATE

Chief Mettille presented monthly reports.
Chief Mettille informed the committee that he had an amended request from Claude Elen Days and he would recommend that the committee approve the recommendation. It was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the amended request.

FIRE UPDATE

Chief Benisch presented monthly statistics.
Chief Benisch reported that Engine #1 is back in service. He informed the committee that he would like to start the process (planning and funding) to replace Engine #1.

SEPCIAL EVENT REQUEST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Clerk Hurd presented the request from FUMC for their annual 5K run. It was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the event.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST DOWNTOWN THURSDAY

Clerk Hurd presented a request from EDC Director Parker for open container at the Downtown Thursday 2nd Street Market. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the open container special events to be held the last Thursdays of June, July and August.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST US POST OFFICE

Clerk Hurd informed the committee that she had been contacted by the US Post office for the use of City Park on June 19th for the dedication and renaming of the post office. Clerk Hurd told the committee that the Post Office may have an official request next meeting.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST AMERICAN LEGION

Clerk Hurd presented a request submitted by John Girsch, American Legion Post #9 to have live entertainment in the American Legion’s outdoor pavilion on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, and to use the rear parking lot, with open containers. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the request.

SUMMER CAMP LIQUOR

Mayor White informed the committee that the written request was received from Il Blues Foundation for event approval. A letter of approval will be sent.

VIDEO GAMING ORDINANCE

Mayor White presented changes to the Video Gaming Ordinance. He explained that the current ordinance requires 70% food and beverage consumed onsite does not work for most businesses. He reviewed the reports from the businesses and found 4 out of 9 meet the requirement. He is recommending that the ordinance be changed to 60% and include retail and activities on site. He requested that the committee send the revised ordinance to council. It was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval.

AMENDMENT – ZONING FEES

Zoning Officer Passage presented a revised application with amendments to zoning fees. Discussion was ensued. It was the consensus of the committee to have the city attorney draft an amended ordinance to take to council for approval.

AMT PROPOSAL

Alderman Sharp addressed questions to Mayor White in regards to a statement of economic interest that was signed by Mayor-elect White. Alderman Sharp noted that Mayor White had listed AMT advisory board on the statement. Mayor White informed Alderman Sharp that no board members were received compensation for their position on the board. He retired from the board January 2017, prior to taking office of Mayor.

Alderman Sharp questioned the conflict of interest.

Alderman Sharp proposed sending the agreement to finance committee for review.

Alderman Sharp read a statement that he prepared regarding the AMT proposal. In his statement he questioned if AMT has met the city's expectations. He suggested tabling the proposal and have an outside agency evaluate or do a feasibility study what is best for the city in the long-run. He asked that the city listen to the city's former ambulance service and what they can offer. Mayor White agreed to have the proposal go to the finance committee for review. Mayor White explained that any ambulance service may submit an application at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Hedden, a member of Rescue 33, explained that Rescue 33 was held to a 6 minute response time. He told the committee that he feels AMT should be held to the same response time. He asked if there was any accountability in the AMT contract. He told the committee that Rescue 33 would like to continue talks with the Mayor to provide resources to be first responders for the city fire department.

Nick Hedden, a member of Rescue 33, expressed to the committee that he felt that Chillicothe was not a #1 priority. He expressed concern that Chillicothe was the only city that has a "contract" with AMT.

Additional people of the community addressed the committee in support of Rescue 33. Those people were:

Ken Dunbar
Kathleen Dunbar
Robin Bannister
Mike Henniger
Jeff Anderson
Carolyn Blair

The consensus of the committee was to forward the AMT proposal to the finance committee for review.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

No Action

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Hurd, City Clerk