

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman David Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:49 p.m. following the meeting of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee.

Present also were Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, David Wilkins, Andrea Vollrath and Mayor Tim Grenke. Absent – None. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Fire Chief Denny Rusch and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Wilkins noted that there were 81 calls in August 2015 and 2016. Grenke thanked Chief Dudgeon for the great job he and his department did.

2. *Other:* Wilkins noted that the Police Chief had approached him about purchasing an Avaya phone system—which is a good system and the price was good, but would it be possible to buy a system for the entire City Hall. Chief Dudgeon said he was going to proceed. Harline noted that the funds for a phone system had been reallocated for in-car cameras all though he had no idea what the phone system cost. Wilkins said the proposal would be a separate system and would inactivate the intercom system and the rollover would change. Wilkins said in reply to a question from Harline that this would require the purchase of new handsets as well. Chief Dudgeon expressed frustration with the time it has taken to purchase a new phone system. Harline noted that it is possible to replace the individual handsets, but he agreed that the system is very old. Chief Dudgeon said that with this phone system we could cut the cost for MULES. Chief Dudgeon said he intended to move forward on the 19th (of September). In answer to a question from Wilkins, Chief Dudgeon stated that the system is being sold by CenturyLink but we would not be changing phone service from Charter.

Chief Dudgeon announced that (Sergeant Joe) Bellamy would be heading overseas on assignment (US Military) and that he would be leaving around the first of December. Chief Dudgeon announced that he would like to promote Police Corporal Tim Kribbs to Sergeant and Police Officer Bradley Harris to Corporal but he didn't know the exact pay grade and steps.

B. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Grenke thanked Chief Rusch for all his department was doing as well. Chief Dudgeon announced that the Fire Department would be leading the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 16. Chief Rusch noted that our new truck was included in the Banner annual calendar.

2. *Shed behind fire station:* Harline said that the Fire Department is losing station #2 and would like to add a shed on to the back of the building (south side). Harline said that if you determine that Sneed is the front yard of the building then you could not build the shed on the south side because there would not be an adequate rear yard setback. However if you made the front yard be Hickman street, there would be adequate setback for an attached shed on the side

yard. Since this was a City building, Harline said he felt we should live by our own rules, use the strictest definition and go to the Board of Adjustment to get permission to proceed. Harline noted that there would be sixteen feet between the fire station and the neighboring property. Lee asked what the setback requirements were. Harline replied six feet on the side and 25 feet in the rear as this is R-3. Harline noted that it would not help to rezone it. Rodgers asked about the foundation and Chief Rusch said it would be concrete. Grenke asked about the dimensions. Chief Rusch answered that it would be 15 feet deep and 25 feet wide, to cover the existing garage door.

3. *Other* – Chief Rusch stated that he had a request about the other old fire truck. Harline said he and Chief Rusch were working on it. Chief Rusch noted that there were some trainings coming up with the County.

C. Emergency Management.

July 7 Storm Report Harline said it was not complete.

Dedication ceremony for the new EOC/911 Center. Harline said he would attend. Grenke and Wilkins said that they would not be able to attend. Harline added that the biggest problem was when fences were built in the right of way or utility easements.

E. Protective Inspection.

Fence enforcement - Harline reported that he was considering sending people who built fences without obtaining a permit to municipal court since there were no fees for a fence permit and the typical punishment was doubling the fees and requiring that a permit be obtained. Harline stated that he did not have one in mind for enforcement at the time.

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

None

B. Park Board

Wilkins noted that there was nothing for the Park Board is in the packet and meeting notes. Harline noted that it was due to moving the meeting up.

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Harline said that the contractor had not yet started removing trees from the cemetery but he was offering a small amount for the walnut wood.

D. Tree Board.

No report. Harline noted that he and Aldermen Lee would be attending an event in St. Louis while he was there for the MML meeting celebrating Centralia's 26 years in the Tree City program.

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted the information in the packet and the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Finance

Financial statements for August 2016 were in the agenda packet. Harline said sales tax was tracking with last year, but not increasing.

G. Bills over \$1,250

No comments.

H. Other General Government.

1. *Closing streets for downtown events:* Harline said he had not gotten back in touch with Lorry Meyers but they had decided that they want to extend the street closing to the south of Singleton St to the south edge of Kinkead's property but allowing access to the new barber shop. **Vollrath made a motion to close Allen Street from Railroad to the south edge of Kinkead's on the evening of September 21. The motion was seconded by Magley and approved by unanimous voice vote.** Harline said the second request was a request to close a portion of Railroad for Central Bank of Boone County's Customer appreciation Day on Friday October 7th until 2:00 pm. Harline noted that Richman's had signed a letter in support. **Magley made a motion to close Railroad Street from Hickman east to the Central Bank driveway from early morning to 2:00 pm on October 7. The motion was seconded by Vollrath and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

2. *First meeting of the Comprehensive Steering Committee* – Harline reported that the first meeting of the Committee would be Thursday, September 15 at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

VII. OTHER.

None

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Harline said that he hoped to accept Lockport Drive and the sanitary sewer in that part of the subdivision. Harline noted that the developer (Designed Innovations, LLC.) was not enthused about extending his letter of credit on the sidewalks required on that street. Harline said he was inclined to require on additional year, but that the developer had a point there are large parts of sidewalk not completed in subdivisions.

IX. ADJOURN.

Magley made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:20 p.m.