

Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 4:30 pm on October 7th by Jason Aarestad.

ROLL CALL

The following committee members were present: Jason Aarestad, Anthony Bolduc and Steve Narverud. Megan Arlt arrived at 7:37pm. Others present: Marissa Adams, Police Chief; Mike Roff, Deputy Police Chief; Angie Philipp, City Administrator; Rick Beier, Fire Chief; Richard Baker, Econ/Community Development Director. Steve Olson, Liquor Store was absent.

APPROVE SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Approval of September 9, 2024 Public Safety/Liquor Committee Minutes

The committee members reviewed the summary, and no changes were recommended.

LIQUOR STORE

Other

Jason Aarestad commented on the Liquor Store and requested a Labor Meeting to be scheduled. October 15th at 4pm before the Council meeting was agreed upon.

Angie noted they've received 30 applications for the full-time position, but interviews still need to be scheduled after Steve reviews them and makes his selections.

The committee would like to see the THC drinks from NW Beverage for sale in the Liquor Store as it was recommended by Committee last month.

FIRE

Calls for Service

Rick noted kindergarten tours were postponed due to a rolled semi-truck call today west of town on Hwy 1. He will reschedule two classes for their tour.

He noted a barn fire 4 miles south of the casino. St. Hilaire didn't respond to the call, so TRF FD was called to the scene. Plummer VFD also arrived for mutual aide. St. Hilaire was present at the scene. Our tank truck provided water, filling up and making runs from Plummer.

He also noted its Fire Prevention Week. Additional classes will tour the station, and they will be at Challenger on Wednesday.

Training

October training includes Emergency Vehicle Operations Training on a road course and pump operations with a tanker.

Reimbursements/Grants

Grassrig update - missed 2024 ordering deadline, will submit for 2025.

Other

Ham Dinner Free-Will Fundraiser on Thursday, October 10 from 4:30-7pm at the Eagles.

Department will be participating in the annual Halloween event. They hope to stay at the station this year, weather permitting.

POLICE

Department Update

Marissa explained they've received one internal application for Investigator and would like to move forward with RCA to council to proceed. The officer will be 50% Task Force Officer and 50% Investigator. Brady Meunier would move back to Patrol Officer. After discussion, the committee was in favor of an RCA to Council for approval.

Mike noted the ambulance sold in the auction and would like to use the funds to purchase a garage door opener with external key code entry at the ITS building. Estimates were \$1965. He'll look for additional Public Safety funds.

Other

Mike discussed getting a drone for search & rescue and missing persons crews. Other city departments would also be able to utilize a drone, including Water, Electric, Public Works and the Fire Department. He mentioned a grant program that has a goal of putting a drone in every community; there would be requirements for training and acquiring a drone pilot license.

Mike also noted the need for different bike storage as the current location at ITS is no longer available.

Mike will call Genesis Lawn Mowing company to remind them they cannot have their flashing lights on.

Anthony Bolduc commented on the homeless person living at 215 10th ST. and the ongoing concerns from neighbors.

ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Cannabis Ordinance - Review and Comments

Richard Baker reviewed and noted there will be a public hearing in November at Planning & Zoning.

Other

Business signs size and locations were discussed. Megan Arlt asked if there were any ordinances regarding sign up keep and noted a couple lighted business signs downtown

flicker because bulbs need to be replaced.

OTHER

Reminder: November meeting moved to Nov 7 at 4:30pm. Agenda items due by Thursday, October 31 at noon.

Christmas Kick Off

Steve Ingram with the Business Development Association was present to discuss the annual Christmas Kick Off scheduled for November 30th from 4:30-7pm at Floyd B. Olson Park. There will be s'mores fire pits, kids' games, Santa will arrive on a fire truck for pictures in the gazebo, artificial Christmas trees (sponsored by businesses) and the Grinch. There will be no petting zoo this year. BDA will need to contact Ashley at City Hall to reserve the park. Public Works will need to provide garbage cans and picnic tables and power will need to be turned on.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

RCA Investigator (Police)