

## Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 31, 2017

**Members Present:** Phil Wedekind and Tom Kolb, and Mike Plautz. **Others Present:** Ed Geick, Mike Palm, Tom Pinion, Mark Schauf, Kevin Stieve, Emily Truman, Tony Gilman, Grant Slayton, Greg Slayton, Julie Enloe, Joe Ledger, Rob Hoverman, Tim Luger, and Kris Jackson.

**Call to Order** - Committee Chairman Phil Wedekind called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at the City Services Center, 450 Roundhouse Court, Baraboo, Wisconsin. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. Plautz moved, Kolb seconded to approve the agenda as posted. By voice vote, the motion carried. Plautz moved, Kolb seconded to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017. By voice vote, the motion carried.

### New Business

- a. Consideration of a request by EnviroForensics to drill eight soil borings on City-owned property – one in the parking lot behind City Hall the Alma Waite Building, four on the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Oak and Ash Street, and three in the alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets between Oak and Ash as part of the ongoing environmental investigation of the Badger Cleaner site at 616 Oak Street – Pinion said that EnviroForensics is a new consultant working with Badger Cleaners. He said that because that these soil borings will probably lead to some additional piezometer or monitoring wells of some sort it was determined appropriate to bring it back to the Committee, as was done in 2013. Ron Hoverman of EnviroForensics then advised the Committee how the soil borings would be restored. It is anticipated that additional monitoring wells or piezometers will be installed, depending on what the test results of the borings show. It was moved by Plautz, seconded by Kolb to allow the soil borings to be done as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- b. Review and recommendation to close Oak Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, for a Special Event – “Foo Fest”, on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to Midnight, sponsored by Brothers on Oak (as a fundraiser for the Baraboo Fire Fighters’ Association) – Pinion said that this will be the third consecutive year that this even has been held. He said that Grant Slayton has submitted an application and plan, and has talked to staff and it is again being done as a fundraiser for the Baraboo Firefighters Association. He said that both Grant and Greg Slayton were in attendance to address the Committee. He said that last year they also requested to extend the hours past ten, but the Committee ended at 10. Greg Slayton said that last year it was talked about extending the length of the festival until midnight, he said the Committee had some apprehension about that and it was agreed that if there were not any problems, extending the length of the festival this year would be taken under consideration. He said that the music part could still be stopped at 10 PM; however, they would like to extend it until 11 PM. Chief Schauf said that the noise downtown is too great; the way that the buildings are set up it is an echo chamber, and he would not be supportive of anything past 10 PM. Slayton asked if there was something that he could build or put up tarps to the cut the noise. Schauf said that there is no know system that would be able to contain the noise. Slayton said that obviously extending it would make more money for the bar; however, they are doing this as a fundraiser and feels that extending the festival two hours could possibly double the Fire Department’s profit. He feels that 9:30 is about when people start going out. He said that if there was a noise complaint, he would disperse the crowd. Tim Luger of the Fire Department stated that they started selling brats and beer last year at 5 or 6 p.m. and it was dead, but started hitting their stride at about 9 p.m. and then had to shut it down. Slayton doesn’t feel that noise will hurt anyone downtown. Kolb said that this would be starting a precedence, he is willing do 10 PM, but wouldn’t feel comfortable going later. He said that he like would he is trying to do, but should possibly look for another venue to extend it later. Kolb feels that some courtesy should be shown to people living downtown. Slayton then requested to go until 11 PM and said if any complaints were received, it would be shut down. He felt it was a Saturday night and the event only happens one a year. Grant Slayton felt that many of the tenants’ downtown have an expectation that on the weekends they will hear noises. Plautz again suggested the fairgrounds and Slayton felt that having it downtown was unique. It was moved by Kolb to recommend to close Oak Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets for “Foo Fest” on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 10 PM. Plautz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Slayton that one other item he wanted to discuss was beer and alcohol sales. He said that he would also like to request to sell alcohol along with beer in the fenced in area. Schauf said that this was regulated in Chapter 125 of Wisconsin Code and cannot be allowed. He said that because they are getting a picnic license by

the Fire Department, which is defined under Chapter 125, only beer and wine could be served, and the premise may not be extended sidewalk or right-of-way.

- c. Review and recommendation to close the west side of Oak Street, between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, for a Special Event – “Stay Local Showcase”, on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 7 PM, sponsored by the Sauk County Job Center – Pinion said that this is a brand new event. Staff feels that this is a wonderful event for the community, along with employers and prospective employees. Kolb moved to close the west side of Oak Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, for a Special Event – “Stay Local Showcase” on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 7 PM. Plautz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consideration of Alliant Energy’s request for an easement for underground electric facilities on City-owned land on the east side of Vine Street north of Lynn Street – Pinion said that as part of the current project for the new public safety/city administration building, there were some overhead power lines that were integral to the transmission and distribution of electric power to the community, so they had to be removed to make room for the new development, and went underground and around the site. He said rather than work in the right-of-way of Vine, which is very busy, they requested to locate on City property, immediately east of the east right-of-way of Vine Street. He said that it does not create any obstacles. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to recommend approval of request for an easement for underground electric facilities on City-owned land as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Discussion of a local vehicle registration fee as an alternative revenue source to fund future street improvements – The Mayor said that this subject was put out to the public via the Newsletter receiving very few responses, with pros and cons being about 50/50. Kolb asked if any consideration was given to doing this in steps, such as starting with \$10.00 instead of \$20.00 Pinion said that the potential for Legislation interference exists; therefore, something such as this should be done before negative levy impacts may occur. Pinion said that 99 cents on the dollar would go to the City and the remainder comes to the State. A lengthy discussion took place. Gilman questioned the possibility of pursuing a tourism grant. Geick said that the City would have to hire Ehlers or another firm do an in-depth study to show solid proof to show the amount of tourism here, and what is being generated for numbers from tourists. Palm said that if a study were to be done, it would have to be budgeted for. It was the consensus of the Committee to move discussion to the City Council for a broader discussion of the topic.
- f. Review and approval of monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers for the months of June and July, 2017 – It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the monthly billing adjustments/credits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

- a. Utility Superintendent’s Report – Pinion said that it was planned to replace the entire 700 feet of water main on Island Court; however, when it was exposed, it was found to be in such good shape, a minor alteration was done. Annual fire hydrant flushing is being done, along with valve box maintenance. He said that an eye is being kept on College Avenue, and a leak detention specialist will be coming next week just to verify that the water main is not leaking. The bio-solids project is moving along as planned. He said approximately 140 hydrants will be painted this year.
- b. Street Superintendent’s Report – Pinion introduced new Street Superintendent, Tony Gilman to the Committee. Gilman presented the Committee with a July Activity Report showing, daily and/or bi-weekly tasks done by the Public Works Department. He said that street and crosswalk painting was done for the Circus Parade. Pinion added that the Department has been taking advantage of using individuals in the Law Enforcement Center on Huber to work at City Shops doing various tasks.
- c. Police Chief’s Report – Schauf said that the parade went as well as could be expected, with a huge crowd and beautiful weather. He said that the Department is getting ready for school. Wedekind asked for an update on the ongoing drug problem. Schauf indicated that there were two overdoses the day of the parade. He said that one of

the changes is that through the grant received by the County, they are able to provide training to police officers who then can carry the nasal Narcan, which is the drug that can save an overdose victim. He said that he has training his supervisors, and investigators on this. He said that he that part of the reason for doing this is Carfentanil, which has surfaced in Neenah. This drug is so dangerous, and is used to tranquilize large animals by vets. This drug is up to 50 times, and up to 100 times more potent than heroin. He said just being in the air, this drug can cause a person to go unresponsive.

- d. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Stieve gave an update on the “Foo Fest” saying that last year’s intake at the fair wasn’t great because of programming issues. He said that Foo Fest does help the Department out quite a bit. He said last year, in conjunction with soliciting some donations from local businesses, the Department was able to purchase the E-draulic (battery-operated) rescue tools for just shy of \$16,000. He said that the Department is doing a hiring process. He said that at this time there are seven applicants. He said that the call volume is up from last year. He said that both the Fire Department and Police Department were fortunate enough to receive seven new defibrillators from South Central Health Care Coalition.

Tom Kolb mentioned that there is going to be a presentation at the Courthouse on the Narcan inhalant, which is open to everyone with registration. Schauf said that the thing that he is not excited about for his officers is in order to get the drug; the officer would have to have a prescription written in their name.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Kolb moved, Plautz seconded to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Wedekind, Chairman