

Minutes of Committee
Monday, April 8, 2013
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) 2013 "One" Service
- 2) 2013 Elmhurst Jaycees Carnival
- 3) New Liquor License Class ("GSWC") Ordinance
- 4) Mariano's Liquor License Request
- 5) Purchase of Seventeen (17) Colt Law Enforcement Carbine Semi-Auto Rifles
- 6) Emroy Avenue and Lake Street Frontage Road Stop Sign
- 7) Public Comments
- 8) Other Business
 - a. Thanks to Alderperson Pezza

Committee: Chairman Wagner, Alderperson Pezza, Alderman Bram

Elected Officials: Clerk Spencer, Alderperson Polomsky

Staff: Deputy Chief Panico, Deputy Chief Kveton, Chief Bacidore, Deputy Chief Anaszewicz, Battalion Chief Mahoney, City Engineer Tiberi, City Attorney Storino, Consultant Brent Coulter

Guests: Kirt Wiggins

Item #1 2013 “One” Service

Chairman Wagner felt the event has been fine over the years. Deputy Chief Panico discussed the event growing and asked Mr. Wiggins what the plan will be because the event has out grown the current location. This is evident due to the need to close Addison Street. Mr. Wiggins stated that plans have been discussed regarding a new location for future events. Deputy Chief Panico and Mr. Wiggins discussed other City parking lots or the college property. Alderperson Pezza stated that she has never received a complaint about this event during prior years. Report signed.

Item #2 2013 Elmhurst Jaycees Carnival

No representative was present. Deputy Chief Panico reviewed this event as it has been planned and run in the past years, and there have been no issues or concerns. The event will be run the same this year and the Committee had no concerns. Report signed.

Item #3 New Liquor License Class (“GSWC”) Ordinance

City Attorney Storino discussed the details of this new liquor license class and the wording of the ordinance. City Attorney Storino then asked what the Committee’s preference was, whether to allow this in the ordinance or not (walking around the store drinking beer, wine, or sake). The cost of this license was discussed. If approved, this liquor license would include various options for the license holder. Based on this, the license fee that was recommended was \$5,250.00. The cost was formulated from past licenses issued by the City and the details of those licenses were read by Clerk Spencer. This ordinance and report will be revised to include the ability for customers to move around the store and consume beer, wine, and sake. Report will be signed with changes once submitted with amendments.

Item #4 Mariano’s Liquor License Request

This report will be signed once the new liquor license and report are amended to include the ability for a customer to move around the store while consuming beer, wine, and sake.

Item #5 Purchase of Seventeen (17) Colt Law Enforcement Carbine Semi-Auto Rifles

Chairman Wagner asked about the budget regarding this purchase and the line item that this purchase would come from. Deputy Chief Panico explained that these funds would come from forfeiture funds and that no citizen funds would be used for this purchase. Alderman Bram asked if our in-door range would allow for training with these rifles. Deputy Chief Panico explained the use of the 22 caliber conversion kits that would be used in the Elmhurst Police Department Range and the out-door range would be used for qualification training. Deputy Chief Panico went over the implementation of the program and training schedule to train officers of the Elmhurst Police Department for the patrol rifle program. Alderman Bram asked if this type of rifle was necessary for our department. Current events throughout the nation were discussed as far back as the Hollywood bank robbery in California. Report signed.

Item #6 Emroy Avenue and Lake Street Frontage Road Stop Sign

Aldersperson Polomsky joined the Committee for this discussion. Chairman Wagner started the conversation. Mr. Coulter was complimented for his report. Both Alderman Wagner and Aldersperson Pezza expressed no concerns for the installation of this stop sign. Alderman Bram asked what this would do to traffic at the Lake Frontage and Emroy corridor, especially north bound traffic from North Ave. He feels this may cause traffic to back up all the way to North Ave. Mr. Coulter explained that this was looked at with a specific type of software and then went over the details of this part of the study. Mr. Coulter feels that this area would be in good shape based on the traffic count in the peak times of the day and based on the traffic cue. Alderman Bram is worried that this stop sign would solve one problem but cause another one, especially with the upcoming ramp off I-294. Mr. Coulter feels there would be no spill back or cueing problems. Mr. Coulter then discussed the accident history and how they could have been prevented by “all way stop”. Mr. Coulter also described two near misses that he observed while he was at the sight conducting research on this intersection. These safety issues are sight distance related issues that could be improved by an “all way stop” control design. Aldersperson Pezza and Alderman Wagner signed the report and Alderman Bram will contemplate until Thursday when he will decide whether or not to sign the report.

Item #7 Public Comments

None

Item #8 Other Business

Chairman Wagner wanted to thank Aldersperson Pezza for her service to the Committee and the community. Staff concurred with this sentiment.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by James Kveton, Deputy Chief of Police

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