

# Public Safety Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### April 1, 2021

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause  
Alderwoman Janet Stack  
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief  
Jay Keeven, Director of Police  
Kevin Head, City Administrator  
Jeanne Wojcieszak, Director of Finance  
John Cunningham, ECTV Deputy Director  
Ryan Zyjack, City Engineer  
Eric Williams, Director of Public Works  
Larry Miller

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderman Will Krause at 4:00 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, with a quorum present: Alderman Will Krause, Alderwoman Janet Stack and Alderman Chris Farrar. The meeting was held in person and via ZOOM.

**Public Comment:** Larry Miller stated the American Legion has a Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the Year award. Chief Whiteford has submitted an applicant for the Firefighter of the year.

#### Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Alderman Krause, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, March 11, 2021. Motion carried with Stack and Farrar voting aye.

#### Police Department:

##### Action Item(s):

- *Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Edwardsville and Paul Welch*  
Paul Welch is the Administrative Hearing Officer for the City Clerk. His original contract for service established in 2004 paid \$375.00 per session. No pay increase has occurred since that time. This resolution updates the contract to \$500.00 per session in order to keep him on par with the amount other cities are paying hearing officers.

Alderman Farrar pointed out the date at the bottom of the contract was 2004 and needed to be updated.

Motion by Alderman Krause, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve a Resolution for the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Edwardsville and Paul Welch. Motion carried with Krause, Stack and Farrar voting aye.

- *Approval of a Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Edwardsville and Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7*

Each year the City enters into cost sharing agreements with Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 to provide School Resource Officers. The agreement covers four salaries at 75%, and one salary at 100%, for a total of \$526,174.31. This also includes an additional document that spells out the responsibilities for the School Resource Officers so there is a clear understanding between the School District and the City.

Motion by Alderman Krause, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve a Resolution for the Approval of a Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Edwardsville and Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7. Motion carried with Krause, Stack and Farrar voting aye.

### **Fire Department:**

#### Informational Item(s):

- *COVID Bridge to Phase 5*  
Governor Pritzker has updated Phase 4 restrictions and created a new step before moving to Phase 5 where all restrictions are removed. The new step is called the Bridge to Phase 5 and allows additional increases in allowable percentages of occupation for most venues.
- *LeClaire Water Tower Training*  
The Public Works Department needed a rescue team to stand-by while the LeClaire water tower was being inspected; this required the rental of a crane. The Fire Department and Public Works Department coordinated to allow the Fire Department use of the crane for Rope Rescue Training following the inspection. The Rope Rescue Training was opened up to outside agencies and was accomplished with participation by the Glen Carbon Fire Department, Troy Fire Department, and Phillips 66 rescue technicians.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

#### Discussion Item(s):

- *No Parking on both sides of the street on Herbert Place*  
Alderman Farrar brought forward a concern from a resident requesting no parking on both sides of Herbert Place because it is difficult to back out of driveways. Herbert Place is a narrow one-way street with parking permitted on one side. Public Works will look into creating smaller No Parking areas opposite of the driveways to alleviate the problem.
- *No Littering signs in certain areas at the Water Shed (East Union Street, Chapman Street and Orchard Street)*  
Alderman Farrar brought forward a concern from a resident about trash buildup in areas of the Water Shed, East Union, Chapman and Orchard and the need for No Littering signs in those areas. Discussion ensued. Ryan Zwijack pointed out the City has limited areas where it can place No Littering signs because of road right-of-ways and requirements for traffic control signs.

- *Sidewalks in front of residence*  
Alderman Farrar brought forward a concern from a resident about maintenance of the sidewalk on Chapman Street between Fillmore and Buchanan Street. Ryan Zwijack indicated the City is responsible for general maintenance of sidewalks.
- *Stop sign at Springer Woods Lane and Frederick Street*  
Alderman Farrar brought forward a concern from a resident about the need for a Stop sign at the northeast intersection of Fredrick and Springer Woods Ln. Public Works will look into bringing forth an ordinance to place a Yield sign at the intersection.
- *Unsafe driving at the intersection of Franklin and Madison*  
Alderman Krause brought forward a concern from a resident about vehicles traveling unsafely though the intersection of Franklin and Madison. Discussion ensued about traffic enforcement, speed bumps and adding bump-outs near the intersection to create a visual narrowing of the roadway as vehicles approach the intersection.
- *Trash companies pick up times*  
Alderman Farrar brought forward a concern from a resident about trash companies picking up trash too early in the morning. Eric Williams said there is an ordinance for trash collection that covers the starting times. He will find the ordinance and pass the information on to the Aldermen.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in person and via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. Motion carried with Stack and Farrar voting aye.

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Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: James Whiteford, Fire Department

Approved Signature: /s/ Will Krause, by staff liaison



Approved Date: 5-11-2021