

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Wegner at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Mary Matthews, Donnie Mayer, Jeff Thompson, and Doris Wendlandt. Absent were Harry Thielen and Bob Liestman. Also present was Ron Mergen, Dale Klein, and Bob Braun.

**Motion was made by Wendlandt to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Public Safety Committee meeting with a correction that Doris Wendlandt was late and not absent. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.**

**SNOWPLOWING**

There was concern on how the snowplowing was done on Monday, February 17, 2014 when the snow fell from 7:00 a.m. through mid morning. The Committee discussed how it can be improved. There was a funeral, people were getting stuck, and others telling people to not go downtown. The Public Works Department makes the call when to plow, but is up against safety versus convenience. Finding a balance is tough between the safety and convenience. It was suggested to windrow and blow it right into a truck because there is not enough room for snow in the middle of the street. The liability risk goes up when plowing is during the day. The Committee discussed issues with plowing around cars. February 17, 2014 was a worst case scenario with the snow starting at 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The ambulance entrance is on the emergency route. D & D Snowplowing will work with the Public Works Department if this case happens again to windrow the downtown so cars can travel. A swing-away mailbox policy was also suggested.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR POSITION**

Eckerly reported that Denise Czech – Schwandt has resigned and the position is posted

**WEATHER MASTER**

It was suggested to research time consumption of the products plus all costs. This would be done by the new Emergency Management Director.

**GOLF CARTS & TANDEM BIKES**

The Committee discussed making a bike trail when reconstructing Hwy. 23 through downtown. This will be put back on the next agenda.

**PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

Wegner reported there were 22 applications received; however, two were received after the deadline. 11 applicants will be interviewed on February 26, 2014. The second round of interviews will be held on March 4, 2014 with recommendation to Council on March 10, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.