

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Paul Wegner at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Mary Matthews, Jeff Thompson, Bob Liestman, Fire Chief; Donnie Mayer, and Harry Thielen. Doris Wendlandt and Brady Klingfus, Police Officer/Emergency Management Director were absent.

Motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2014 Public Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.

GOLF CARTS

Wegner reported on the major changes to the ordinance being: Designated roadways – According to the Stearns County Attorney, ATV's are not allowed to travel on the County Roads, only in the ditches. Snowmobiles are allowed on County roads. Wegner spoke with Mergen regarding road damage by studs. Studs could do significant damage and who pays for that damage to roadways.

Wegner stated that ATV's and snowmobiles are not an issue. The way the ordinance read now gives discretion to the officer to address the ones that are being disruptive. Two years ago there were a lot of golf carts. This year there has not been as many; maybe a handful in the downtown district.

The Committee discussed handling golf carts the same as ATV's. Two options:

- Adopt a new ordinance for golf carts
- Add golf carts to the current ATV and snowmobile ordinance

Eckerly printed out and distributed the ordinance from the City of Bemidji. Their ordinance states language for handicapped only. The Cities of Walker, Pequot Lakes, and McGregor did not have anything on their website regarding golf carts.

Motion was made by Matthews to add golf carts, mini trucks, and low power vehicles to the current ATV/Snowmobile Ordinance. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.

CODE RED

It was reported that the Council approved the CodeRED Contract last night and it has been emailed back to CodeRED. Training and program setup will be in December. The School may be interested in the program, but they need to determine how many are already in the school reach program.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.