

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Paul Wegner at 5:02 p.m. Members present were Belinda Ludwig, Acting City Administrator; Andy Soine, Fire Chief (5:10); Jeffrey Booth, CentraCare Health Paynesville; Jeff Thompson, and Steve Lehmkuhl, Paynesville Township Representative. Absent were Doris Wendlandt, Tom Fread, Emergency Management Director; and Donnie Mayer.

Motion was made by Booth to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Wegner and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Wegner to appoint Wenger as Chair, Soine as Vice Chair, and the City Administrator position as Secretary. Seconded by Lehmkuhl and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Wegner to set the Public Safety Committee meetings on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, and October) on the 4th Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

WEATHER READY NATION

After a brief discussion, there was not enough information on this and that this was tabled until Fread is at a future meeting.

GIRL SCOUT AWARD PROJECT

Katlin Gilk is working on her Gold Award Badge and is placing AED units throughout Paynesville. Gilk needs to be the driving force of this in order to achieve her goal. Wegner is going to go back to Gilk to work through the criteria and have Fread assist in determining the locations AEDs are already located and future locations. Wegner will also get a list of businesses from the Chamber of Commerce.

4-WAY STOP

The 4-way stop at Hwy. 55 and Business 23 and the intersection of Hwy. 55 and Lake Ave were both discussed. Both are dangerous intersections and both have recently had minor accidents. MNDOT won't do anything at this point. Wegner asked when the speed signs were supposed to be here. Ludwig stated that they have been here for a while. Wegner will touch base with Mergen on applying for the appropriate county and state permits and get signs installed.

REVIEW HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GOALS

Listed on the goals is Active Threat; Initiate tracking systems for infants at the hospital. Booth stated that this has been completed. There is a possibility of FEMA grant money if there is a storm shelter put in the basement of a new Public Works building. Fread is working on cameras and key fobs at City Hall. The City has obtained a quote from Marco. Booth suggested getting a bid from another company. Wegner stated that he believes council has already approved panic buttons for City Hall, Ludwig will research. Wegner stated that he had a conversation with the City of Avon and they are interested in purchasing our swat gear. Wegner will check into this further.

NIGHT TO UNITE (PUBLIC SAFETY) COMMUNITY PICNIC

Wegner reported on the event. There is a meeting in February to start planning for this event. Wegner is looking for suggestions. Ludwig suggested ID's cards for children that include a picture, birth date, and finger print. Wegner suggested looking at purchasing our own ID machine to make ID cards that could be used for this event and employee ID cards. Ludwig also suggested a station to have dogs' microchipped.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.