



**Public Safety Committee
July 28, 2015
MINUTES**

Present: Aldermen Hawkins, Leszczynski, Pukaite; Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, Executive Assistant Kowalchuk, press and interested public

Others Present: Dr. Steven Zils, Aurora Health Care Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1) Elect Committee Chairperson

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to elect Alderman Pukaite as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Motion passed by voice acclamation.

2) Approve meeting minutes of June 23, 2015

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Leszczynski to approve the meeting minutes of June 23, 2015. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

3) Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)

Chief Graff explained that Emergency Medical Dispatch is a system that provides dispatchers with the tools to give some medical advice to callers. This was a topic of interest previously for this Committee; however, it was put on hold during discussions of consolidated dispatch centers. Of benefit at this time, the Aurora Health Care Foundation is offering funds that would significantly defray implementation costs.

Dr. Steven Zils, speaking on behalf of the Foundation, explained funds raised will cover 100% of the shared elements of 4 PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points), with a matching grant for the individual PSAP components. Grafton and Ozaukee County are implementing the Priority Dispatch system later this fall.

Chief Graff informed members that Cedarburg has a different system, but has just decided to migrate to the Priority Dispatch system after the 1st of the year, which would enable Mequon to budget and implement for this system within this time frame as well.

Additional Committee discussion/comments:

- There is an annual \$3,000 maintenance and accreditation fee.
- Training costs are reasonable with Aurora's partnership, approximately \$20,000.
- Training will take place over multiple days in effort to accommodate dispatch personnel schedules.
- Initial training will be 24 hours, with a continuing education requirement of 24 hours every 2 years which can be secured via distance learning such as DVDs.
- Implementing this program and utilizing funds available from Aurora does not influence in any way the end location of our transports.

Staff was directed to take this item to the Common Council now to determine their support for the program and indicate the program be budgeted for 2016.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Leszczynski to recommend Emergency Medical Dispatch to the Common Council. Motion passed by voice acclamation.

4) Replacement of Police Weapons (Rifles)

The Department's rifles are approximately 15-16 years old and have been experiencing some problems. Weapons are one item you don't want to fail in a critical situation and the desire is to keep with the same brand and model which is dependable, and officers are familiar with them which would then minimize training time and costs. Of the two quotes received, Kiesler's Police Supply included a trade-in price for our current rifles which would then bring down the final cost.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Leszczynski to recommend approval of the Kiesler's bid for replacement of police weapons to the Common Council.

5) Buntrock Avenue/Steffen Drive Intersection Review

A citizen request was received asking the City to consider a 3-way stop for the Buntrock Avenue/Steffen Drive Intersection. The Engineering Dept. conducted a traffic analysis which revealed that the intersection did not meet the criteria for a 3-way stop; however the following intersection improvements are suggested:

- Place a "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" sign beneath the stop sign.
- Adjust the existing southbound traffic sign at the crosswalk so it is pointing in the proper direction.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to recommend the intersection improvement suggestions.

6) Municipal Lockup Inspection Report

Mequon's Municipal Lockup Inspection report, which is annually shared with the Committee, indicates Mequon's procedures are approved and we are in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections regulations.

7) Meeting day/time

Committee members agreed to stay with their existing meeting cycle day/time (4th Tuesday of the month/6:30 pm).

8) Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to adjourn at 7:00 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Kowalchuk
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Committee Approved 09/22/15