

**Public Safety Committee
August 23, 2016
MINUTES**

Present: Aldermen Nerbun and Pukaite; Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, Deputy Director of Engineering Keegan, Executive Assistant Kowalchuk, press and interested public

Absent: Aldermen Hawkins,

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

2. Approve Meeting minutes:

a) Meeting minutes of June 28, 2016

Moved by Alderman Nerbun, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2016. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

2. Discussion

a) Hidden River Speed and Stop Sign Analysis

↳ Residents present for item discussion: David Charney, President of the Hidden River Homeowners Association.

On behalf of the Hidden River Homeowners Association, Association President David Charney contacted the city and expressed concern with regard to a the Portland Avenue-Stillwater Court intersection in their neighborhood and a request was made for the installation of additional stop signs as a way of slowing down traffic that travels through this neighborhood.

James Keegan, Deputy Director of Engineering reported that current signage stops northbound traffic approaching the Portland Avenue-W. River Oaks Place intersection only, and is a result of a later adjoining Hidden River development. Traffic data collected revealed the average speed to be 24-24.5MPH; with no crash problems noted. The posted speed is 25 MPD.

Mr. Charney also mentioned concern with wild grass growing in the area of the intersection which may impede driver visibility and the fact that there are many more children riding bicycles in the subdivision. He shared that the greater concern for association members is an accident involving a bicyclist.

Further discussion resulted in committee members supporting staff recommendations of no changes to existing signage; however staff will go out to view/address any intersection visibility impairments, and additional signage will be considered at a future time if/when this intersection is reconstructed.

b) Identity Theft Investigations

Alderman Pukaite explained that this item was on the agenda due to a concern expressed to another alderman from a resident who believes Mequon's Police Department may be spending time on identity theft and/or similar internet crimes which may be futile when officers could be available on the streets and for other calls for service.

Chief Graff explained that our officers have become adept at figuring out which identity theft cases will go somewhere and when further investigation reveals an out of state or out of country suspect location, the case is usually closed and the victim notified. Chief Graff additionally stated that the department must follow up when such cases are reported as victims expect and deserve no less.

3. Information Items

a) Municipal Lockup Inspection Report 2016

Chief Graff reported that the department's lockup procedures have been approved and our facilities have been deemed in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Corrections regulations.

Future agenda topic suggestion

Alderman Nerbun suggested a committee review of private parking in public spaces. He commented that it has been noticed that a possible abuse of allowable public parking in front of City Hall seems to be occurring. It has additionally been noticed that said offender is putting out orange cones in effort to reserve a parking spot.

Alderman Nerbun stated he would develop this agenda topic description and bring it forward to a committee officially.

4. Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Nerbun, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to adjourn at 7:10 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Kowalchuk
Executive Assistant
Minutes approved 09/27/16