

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 10/04/2023, 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Simonson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Present: Chair Cory Simonson, Dick Rickerl, Kevin Kuhlman

Others Present: Brendan Zeimet, Josh Boldt

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Rickerl to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried 3-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Kuhlman to approve minutes from June 12, 2023 Public Safety meeting.

Motion Carried 3-0

Public Participation, None.

Boldt opened discussion on discussion of snow-grass abatement notice procedures. Conversation ensued on the requirements of the ordinance and indicated that no notice requirements are needed in order to abate a nuisance. However, the City and City Staff take proactive measures to notify the public of snow removal and grass care requirements per City Code. This includes Utility Bill mailing, Facebook posts, and a public notice in the Maquoketa Sentinel Press. Boldt advised in a review of a couple files last year, they are everything you would ask for to produce evidence of a violation. Rickerl and Simonson both advised the more notice and earlier, the better. Rickerl stated there is occasional snow in October and November.

Boldt opened discussion on recommending radar-based speed zone signs. Chief Zeimet introduced background on the opportunity to place a speed recording data box in the community to determine speed hot spots. Zeimet was clear with the Committee that these are not cameras or ticketing devices. Discussion took place over potential locations of signs. Recommended placement of signs was: N Main, S Main, W Summit, and Pershing Rd. The Committee discussed several sign options presented. Motion by Rickerl to purchase 4 TrafficLogix signs at a total price of \$11,672. Second by Kulman. Motion Carried 3-0.

Boldt opened discussion on possibly entering into a 28E Agreement with Jackson County Treasurer's Office for collection of unpaid parking tickets. Zeimet distributed an example 28E agreement within Clinton County that ties the registration of vehicles to unpaid parking fines. Clinton County adds a \$5.00 administrative fee. Rickerl advised he supports this proposal. Kuhlman wants to ensure warnings are still given to violators. Zeimet said they are and will still do so. Boldt asked Zeimet if this is about the amount of unpaid fines or if this is about operational cost savings. Zeimet advised it is about Police operations due to the amount of time Officers spend on later issuing a traffic ticket for unpaid parking fines. The Committee wished to discuss this again at the next meeting to further assess after presenting this potential agreement to Jackson County Treasurer's Office.

Chief Zeimet opened discussion on general open items. Chief stated since receiving the Administrative Citation forms, the Police have issued 15. 3 out of 15 have been property related. Chief explained the Officers seem to enjoy the discretion option and lighter impact of an Administrative Citation. Simonson stated eventually the City should look to have all payment processing of citations at City Hall. Zeimet provided a small School Resource Officer update. Boldt commented that Tara Notz, School Superintendent, sent a private note thanking the Police's recent efforts to continue a flexible and creative police presence in schools. Zeimet stated Jackson County will now have a full-time Police liaison Mental Health Advocate. This was a part time role before. It is being upgraded to full-time and the assisting service has been welcomed by Officers in the Maquoketa Police Department. Zeimet discussed recent Park damage at Little Bear Park and Burlingame Park. Boldt advised Staff is aware but catching up to the activity

at the moment. Zeimet advised a couple weeks ago he purchased mobile and discreet cameras to place to respond to incidents such as these. Zeimet provided a squad replacement update which the City is still on the Ford waiting list.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Rickerl adjourning at 5:25 p.m. Motion Carried 3-0.

Cory Simonson, Chairperson

Attest

Josh Boldt, City Manager