

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday March 6, 4:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers

Simonson called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

Present: Cory Simonson, Dick Rickerl, Kevin Kuhlman  
Others Present: Brendan Zeimet, Josh Boldt, Frank Ellenz and Jan Ketelsen

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Rickerl to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 3-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Kuhlman to approve minutes from October 4, 2023 Public Safety meeting. Motion Carried 3-0

Boldt opened discussion about the Traffic Safety Action Plan. The City was awarded a \$290,000 grant for the intersection of Main and Summit.

Boldt explained that Quarry St. is gathering more attention but is looking to wait another year before working on it. Will need to talk with the school to see what they have planned. It is possible to expand the curbs out.

Cory questioned for a temporary fix if can post no parking signs along street.

Frank informed there are no parking signs along the street for the north side.

Zeimet explained there are yellow curbs by the old hospital as an indication.

Boldt opened discussion on stop line paint. It is the goal of Public Works to paint stop lines twice a year where paint is worn down. Focus on particular areas and Road Use Funds could be used for paint where specifically needed.

Simonson stated there are several areas in town where painting twice a year would be great. Gave the example of the City parking lot where the handicap locations are somewhat blue. Cross walks and no parking would for sure need to be clearly painted.

Rickerl included around the schools.

Ellenz mentioned there are main lines that would not need to be painted twice a year especially at Selco Inc. cost of \$9389.60.

Simonson agreed, but mentioned it would be good to paint around the library and downtown twice a year.

Kuhlman stated that Main St. and Platt St. should be on a schedule already. He explained around schools and pedestrian walks would be good for twice a year. He also explained the time of year matters. To try painting early in spring once the salt is gone on the streets.

Ellenz explained the crosswalks are done in August just before school starts.

Simonson stated worth a try to do earlier in year.

Boldt reported on the yellow paint for curbs/no parking indicators specific to Sacred Heart Schools. The public works crew painted curbs yellow and posted no parking signs.

Boldt opened discussion on E. Maple St. reconstruction. The safety concern of heavy trucks driving along Maple St. This will be included in the bids to City Council in March.

Simonson stated already receiving many comments about the signs posted.

Boldt explained they are extending quotes to Pershing Road from Otto St. to Main St. to expand by 4 feet due to the sale barn being sold and will be bringing in cattle.

Boldt opened discussion on the radar speed signs.

Simonson stated the radar speed sign didn't register when traveling with another car, but at a different time when it was just him it alerted him. Hopes that this slows everyone down.

Zeimet explained that they are waiting for the onboarding that comes with the signs. Currently, all the signs are set the same. Adjustments will be made in the next month and a half after they check the sign data. These are a one-direction sign.

Kuhlman discussed concerns of visibility at the intersection of Olive St. and Platt St. He suggested the only option would be to take out more parking along there, but not sure, that's what you would want to do with the business right there.

Zeimet mentioned there hasn't been any accidents there. People are being very cautious.

Simonson stated that it's a site issue and is bad from the north and south side. Eliminating parking along there will also lead to other problems.

Boldt opened discussion on 28E agreement with Jackson County for unpaid parking ticket collections.

Zeimet explained waiting to hear back from Board of Supervisors to get confirmation they still want to move forward with agreement. Supervisors also want to check with the Treasurer's Office to make sure that everything would be good with them and not create more work. It would be the same type of agreement and City attorney would draft it to say what is needed.

Boldt opened discussion on landlord-tenant background form. He explained chief was notified the company they used in the past was sold to a third party. The new company required interested parties to sign a new terms agreement. This agreement would clear the company of any liability and place it all on the user. Zeimet had concerns and researched with other Cities on what they do. Zeimet, Boldt, and Koranda reviewed the ordinance and determined it would be okay to handle in house. A form was created for the background checks. Zeimet processed a few this fall. This form doesn't have a fee. Just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the change in process, but nothing else changed. Boldt will attend the landlord meeting in February to address any issues.

Kuhlman questioned if the form had to be used or if the landlord could just call in with the information. It is preferred the form is used.

Zeimet explained about his research from other towns. The City of Dubuque is one of the only other towns that offers this type of search for landlords. The City of Dubuque has the renters sign off on the form acknowledging a background check is being done. This form helps because the person signed off to a background check and acknowledged it is being done. It also helps with keeping the requests

uniformed verses many different types of requests emails, post-its, etc. If the landlord meets the requirements of getting a report of activity from Iowa Courts online and the Iowa Sex Offender registry website then they don't need to fill out this form with the police department.

Simonson stated its protection for the City and shouldn't be any question.

Zeimet presented the Chief's report. Zeimet stated there isn't anything new to report. Everything is still doing well. He is working on the yearly report.

There was no other business discussed.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Kuhlman adjourning at 4:58 p.m. All ayes.

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Cory Simonson, Chairperson

Attest

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Jan Ketelsen, Secretary