

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Maquoketa City Hall
Wednesday, January 3th, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approve Public Safety Commission Meeting of October 4th, 2023 Minutes**
- 5. Public Participation**
- 6. Traffic Safety Action Plan Task Force & Programmatic Update**

City Manager Summary: Since the adoption of the Traffic Safety Action Plan in June 2023, the City has made great strides toward addressing critical components of the plan. The full plan is available by [clicking here](#) (see page 55 & 56) as a full reminder of its content and objectives.

The intention of this section is to offer a short progress update.

First, the City did apply for a substantial roadway safety and improvements grant through the SS4A program. The City unfortunately wasn't awarded. City Staff is signing up for a feedback session from reviewers to hopefully bolster our application in the following year.

Even without the assistance of this potential SS4A grant, the City has finished addressing or is in progress on the following project codes (PC):

PC1 – Main/Summit Intersection – The City did apply for TSIP intersection safety grant in 2023 and did get awarded \$290,000 from IDOT to reconstruct this intersection. This is a big win for the City out of this plan. Expect a 2025-2026 construction.

PC8 – W Quarry Roadway Condition – Not in FY24-25 but in FY25-26, the City will execute the reconstruction of W Quarry St in accordance with our 10-Year Street Plan. By the time of bidding, the City and School should have an advanced handle on the planning of Briggs' potential expansion.

PC11 – Stop Line Paint – Paint, or lack of retouching twice per year, has long been an under-investment in this City. After this plan was executed, Main St was repainted as well as school area intersections. The intersection of Main/Summit was repainted as a safeguard for traffic. One survey respondent specifically cited Jacobsen/Maple as needing stop line paint. This was added as well. The goal of Public Works is to conduct painting twice per year from this point and it would advantageous City Staff to gather some feedback on additional problem areas requiring paint.

PC12 – Yellow Paint for Curbs/No Parking Indicators – Specific to the area of Sacred Heart schools, the intersections were posted no parking according to City Code and curbs were painted yellow. City Staff even received a compliment from an area resident that it increases vehicle sight angles during school hours and thus improves safety.

PC16 – E Maple St Reconstruction – The City is bidding this project in January with the expectation of a 2024 construction.

PC24 – Radar Speed Sign Protection on W Summit & Pershing – The City installed 4 of these signs during the week of December 26, 2023. They still need calibrated before going live and they will be a valuable addition.

Committee feedback requested.

7. Discussion on recommending 28E agreement with Jackson County for unpaid parking ticket collections

City Manager Summary: No further update at this time. Chief Zeimet is utilizing a light duty worker to better produce a substantial proposal for committee consideration at our next meeting scheduled for March 6th, 2024.

No action suggested.

8. Landlord-Tenant Background Form Update

City Manager Summary: In September 2023, the City was notified the background check service utilized by the City was being acquired by a 3rd party company. The new company required interested parties to sign on to a problematic terms agreement in the opinion of City Staff.

At that time, Maquoketa wasn't the only one concerned about these issues and Dubuque was also weighing their options. After further examination of the Mandatory Background Checks Code in our Rental Ordinance, the City made the determination to self-produce a form for Landlords to utilize and have Chief complete free of charge. Doing so wouldn't create a liability complication with an outside business if the business was sued for any reason. This form went live in late September/early October and has since been utilized

by multiple landlords. Chief Zeimet is able to retrieve this information in approximately 5-10 minutes and is certainly not meant to be any sort of change to the rental ordinance. No code changes occurred and this was an administrative process change in order to meet the intent of the City Council in their ordinance.

[The form is available in person and posted to our website.](#)

No action suggested.

9. Police Chief report

- **General business**

10. Other Business

11. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 6th, 2024 4:30 PM