PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 14, 2011
5:00 PM, City Hall

A. MAKE SURE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED

B. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairperson Boyce, Alders Koch and Hunter, Alt Stangel, Mayor Ross, Fire Chief Rausch and Police Chief Kelley. Also present were Alder Lefevre, Eng Supv Gerber, St Supv Boll and Tere Dunlap from Monroe Times.

C. CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES: None

D. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC: None

E. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF NFPA 291 STANDARDS REGARDING FIRE FLOW TESTING AND MARKING OF HYDRANTS :** Chief Rausch briefed the Committee on a suggestion to adopt the NFPA 291 Standards regarding the fire flow testing and marking of fire hydrants. Motion by Alder Koch to adopt the standards; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

F. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR REGULATION OF HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TRASH PICK UP IN DOWNTOWN AREA:** Request from resident to have private contractors pick up trash in the downtown area at a later time. Committee heard from the initial complainants, and from trash collection vendor. The vendor will be starting pickups at 6:00 AM in this area. Discussion on what happens if this changes however. Chief Kelley researched ordinances from other communities. Recommendation to send the matter to the Judiciary Committee for further action. Motion by Alder Koch to recommend the matter to the Judiciary and Ordinance Review Committee; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

2. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON STUDY OF PARKING ALONG 21ST STREET BETWEEN 13TH AVENUE AND 17TH AVENUE:** This study was requested prior and time taken for the study to be completed. Committee reviewed the study. Recommendation from DPW and PD is to take no action. Motion by Alder Koch to take no action at this time; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

3. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR MORE TRAFFIC CONTROL OR PARKING AROUND 16TH STREET AND 17TH AVENUE INTERSECTION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY:** Earlier request from citizens to review the traffic control and/or parking adjacent to the 16th Street/17th Avenue intersection. Studied by Engineer and Police Departments, reviewed by the Committee. Recommendation from DPW and PD to create no parking areas on the south side of 16th Street on either side of 17th Avenue, for about 40 feet. Resolution by the Public Safety Committee, in the interests of public safety, to recommend the approval of the installation of no parking areas as follows: The south side of the 1600 block of 16th Street, for a distance of 40 feet west of the intersection of 17th Avenue, and the south side of the 1700 block of 16th Street, for a distance of 40 feet east of the intersection of 17th Avenue. The Monroe Street Department is directed to install official signs indicating "No Parking Here to Corner" as appropriate. Motion by Alder Koch to approve installing the no parking areas; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

4. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S):**

   A. **MONROE MAIN STREET LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:** Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event application from Monroe Main Street to hold a Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 2, 2011, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, in the Central Business District. A proposed parade route has been approved by the Police Department. To facilitate the parade, the event calls for the following temporary no parking areas, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM: both sides of the street lane of the 1000 block of 16th Avenue; both sides of the street lane of the 1600 block of 10th Street; and both sides of the street and inner parking lanes of the 1000 block of 17th Avenue. To facilitate the tree lighting ceremony, the event further calls for the following temporary street closures, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM: the street and inner parking lanes of the 1000 block of 17th Avenue. The Police Department will install signs indicating the temporary parking restrictions at 7:00 AM on December 2, 2011, and will provide the information to the local media. The Police Department will further install barricades to indicate the temporary street closures and direct traffic to facilitate the event. A certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe in the amount specified by City Code is required and attached to the permit, along with any other permits or special restrictions. For purposes of this event, the special event area is the area within 10th Street, 13th Street, 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and the area within both lanes of the 1000 block of 17th Avenue from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. No other events or similar activities, other than those authorized by law, may take place within these defined areas during these time periods. Motion by Alder Koch to approve; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

G. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS: *(May make brief informative statements or bring up*

items to be discussed at a future meeting)

1. Alder Lefevre asked to have on the next agenda an item to consider a study of 8th Street in the 700-800 block, regarding the merging of eastbound traffic from two lanes to a single lane.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Alder Koch to adjourn at 5:30 PM; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

Frederick A. Kelley, Chief of Police