PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 1, 2011
5:00 PM, City Hall

A. MAKE SURE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED

B. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. Present were Chairperson Boyce, Alders Koch and Hunter, Alt Stangel, City Admin Rath, Fire Chief Rausch and Police Chief Kelley. Also present were Alders Schultz and Lefevre, Eng Supv Gerber, St Supv Boll and Tere Dunlap from the Monroe Times.

C. CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES: None

D. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC: None

E. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Rausch had no business.

F. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY AUTHORIZE SPECIAL EVENT(S):

A. MONROE AREA SWIM TEAM POOL PARTY FUNDRAISER: Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event permit application from the Monroe Area Swim Team to hold a Pool Party Fundraiser at the Recreation Park pool, August 12, 2011, from 8:15 PM to 10:15 PM. The event includes swimming admission and food concessions. Rest room plan approved. Insurance is through the City of Monroe and any additional permits or special requirements are attached to the permit. For purposes of this event, the special event area is that area within the pool area of the park. No other events or similar activities may take place at the same time in the same area. Motion to approve by Alder Koch; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

B. NORTHERN ILLINOIS SOUTHERN WISCONSIN FIRE RESCUE ASSOCIATION MONROE FIRE SCHOOL: : Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event application from the Southern Wisconsin/Northern Illinois Fire Rescue Association, to hold the Monroe Fire School, August 19-21, 2011, at the MERIT Center, Green County Fairgrounds and various locations throughout the City of Monroe. A certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe is required and will be attached to the permit, along with any other permits or special requirements. Restroom plan for the event is approved. The Police Department is directed to provide services as required. The special event area is that area within 100 feet of training locations, also within the MERIT Center and within the fairgrounds. No other events or similar activities, other than those allowed by law, may take place at the same time in the same location. All normal vending is suspended in this area during this event, and

only vendors approved by the applicant under this permit may operate. Approval of the request is contingent upon receipt of the insurance and paperwork prior to the event. Motion to approve contingent on receipt of proper paperwork by Alder Hunter; second by Alder Koch; carried unanimous.

2. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ATV ROAD ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROE:** Continued discussion of adding ATV road routes through the City of Monroe. The local ATV club has proposed some route changes. Club members Robert Voegeli and Mary Whitehead appeared before the Committee, along with Tri-County Trail Commissioner Jerry Guth. The Engineering and Police Department have reviewed the routes and discussed the routes with the Committee, along with any other concerns. Motion by Alder Hunter to recommend to the Common Council new pilot ATV routes, as designated by Eng Supv Gerber, for one year and that a public hearing on the issue be conducted August 16, 2011 at the normal Council meeting; second by Alder Koch; carried unanimous.

3. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NO PARKING AREA:** A suggestion had come in through local newspaper blogs to create a no parking zone on the east or west side of the 600 block of 4th Avenue, due to congested parking. The blogger erroneously felt that the City had something to do with the design of one of the parking lots nearby that was small. If approved, the Police Department recommended that the east side of the 600 block of 4th Avenue be no parking, from 6th Street to 7th Street. The Committee discussed the request. No other requests such as this have come in before this or since, and no accidents have occurred there. Committee took no action.

4. **DISCUSS CHANGE TO TIMING OF FLASHING SIGNALS ON TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALONG 8TH STREET AT 4TH AVENUE WEST, 1ST AVENUE AND 3RD AVENUE:** Letter received from local resident asking that the traffic lights on 8th Street at 4th Avenue West, 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue be kept in flashing mode until 8:00 AM each day. Committee discussed request with Engineering, Public Works and Public Safety Departments. Chief Rausch explained to the Committee that the Fire Department equipment on the traffic lights that allow for emergency changing of the lights does not operate on flashing mode, and that there was a need to have the lights in standard mode as much as possible after 6:00 AM. The Committee concluded that no other requests such as this have been received and that there was a need for the lights to stay programmed as they are. No action was taken.

G. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS: *(May make brief informative statements or bring up items to be discussed at a future meeting)*

1. Alder Boyce asked if the Public Works and Public Safety Departments could look at 21st Street between 11th Avenue and 17th Avenue as pertains to parking and traffic lane widths and bring back to the next meeting for discussion.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:56 PM by Alder Hunter; second by Alder Koch; carried unanimous.

Frederick A. Kelley, Chief of Police