

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, May 2, 2011

5:00 PM, City Hall

A. MAKE SURE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED

B. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM. Present were Chairperson Boyce, Alders Koch and Hunter, Alt Stangel, City Adm Rath, Fire Chief Rausch and Police Chief Kelley. Also present were Alders Lefevre and Schultz, Eng Supv Gerber, St Dept 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 new business.

F. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON STOP SIGN

INSTALLATION: Based on some accident history, the Police Department asked for a traffic study to be conducted to consider installing stop signs on 23rd Street at 8th Avenue. Committee asked Eng Supv Gerber to complete a study. Eng Supv Gerber explained the completed study. Criteria for stop signs to be installed would include high traffic counts, sight obstruction and high accident counts. In this case, these criteria are not present. Recommendation from DPW and PD is to not install stop signs nor yield signs at this time. No action taken.

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

A. MONROE CHAMBER MARKET ON THE SQUARE: Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event permit application from the Monroe Chamber to hold the Market on the Square, from May 4, 2011 through October 29, 2011 in the inside lanes of the 1600 block of 10th Street. The Market will be open for business on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM, and on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is further resolved that the inside lane of the 1600 block of 10th Street may be temporarily closed from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM each Wednesday within the date range listed, and from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM each Saturday within the date range listed, in order to prevent vehicles from parking in this area to facilitate the event. On Saturdays, if a minimum threshold number of extra vendors is met, and with notice to the Police Department, the applicant may also include the inside lane of the 1000 block of 16th Avenue in the closing and use for overflow. The applicant is responsible to install cones or barricades to indicate the street closure(s), and to insure access by emergency services and delivery vehicles into the area. A certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe at the level set by ordinance is required and attached to the permit, along with any other permits or special requirements. For purposes of

this event, the special event area is that area with the inside lane(s) of the 1600 block of 10th Street and 1000 block of 16th Avenue. No other events or similar activities, other than those allowed by law, may take place at the same time in the same location(s). Motion to approve by Alder Koch; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

B. CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION GREAT STRIDES WALK:

Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event permit application from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to hold a Great Strides charity walk, May 21, 2011, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in and around Twining City Park. The event will be contained to the park, as well as sidewalks in the park and surrounding sidewalks, and will require no street closures. A certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe at the level set by ordinance is required and is attached to the permit, along with any other required permits or special requirements. For purposes of this event, the special event area is that area with 100 feet of this walk and all registration or parking areas in conjunction. No other events or similar activities, other than those authorized by law, may take place in the same location at the same time. Motion to approve by Alder Koch; second by Alder Hunter; carried unanimous.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF A PROCESS FOR RAZING VACANT, RUNDOWN PROPERTIES, WHERE OWNERS HAVE WALKED AWAY AND POTENTIAL ACTION TO ADDRESS FUTURE PROPERTIES FALLING INTO THIS CATEGORY:

City Administrator addressed this issue with the Committee. The City Adm will look at possible plans and need, and bring back to Committee when ready.

4. DISCUSS POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS RADIO SYSTEMS AND REPLACEMENT NEEDS:

Federal and State mandates on radio frequencies and changes are due to begin this year. Many radios used by the City Departments need to be replaced to be in compliance, paging equipment for sirens needs to be replaced. The Committee began discussion on this. None of the Departments have this funding in their budget, there are likely no grants available. This is an old topic, brought to prior budget hearings, but put off. Chief Kelley will obtain a count of radios needed, and work on a competitive bid for each component. Committee members and City Adm were in agreement that equipment replacement costs will be transferred from undesignated fund balance to a special purpose capital "radio equipment fund" upon Council approval of replacement plan. Will be brought back to the Committee, hopefully by the first meeting in June.

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

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Alder Hunter to adjourn at 6:15 PM; second by Alder Koch; carried unanimous.

Frederick A. Kelley, Chief of Police