

CITY OF HUDSON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
November 16, 2017

PRESENT: Alderpersons Alms, Hall, and Morrissette.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Marty Jensen, Chief Scott St. Martin, Chief Brandon Lyksett, Dr. Nick Ouellette, Jim Schmidt, Mike Clark, and Melanie Herberg.

A copy of the agenda was posted in City Hall lobbies, delivered to the Hudson Star-Observer, and mailed to committee members on November 14, 2017.

Alderman Morrissette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2017 MEETING: MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SAFETY CONCERNS ON OAK STREET BEHIND THE HIGH SCHOOL: Hall stated that the raised practice field reduces visibility. Citizens have requested sidewalks on the school side of Oak Street. Dr Ouellette provided a site plan and aerial map, which reflected safe passages, but people are choosing not to use them. He stated a sidewalk on the south side would lead to a dead end. He stated that the remaining construction and landscaping should be finished by summer. Hall remained concerned for pedestrian safety on Oak Street at Twelfth Street, stating that they can't be seen. Jensen stated the sidewalk wouldn't go anywhere and wondered how much foot traffic there was in the area. Ouellette stated that the fence should be out in April and they could clear out some vegetation right now. Hall asked that the issue be on a Public Safety agenda in the spring.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EP ROCK ELEMENTARY FOOT RACE ON MAY 5, 2018 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.: Jensen stated that there was a minor change to the start time, but there haven't been any issues. He recommended approval.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms, to recommend approval to conduct EP Rock Elementary Foot Race on May 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESTRICT PARKING ON FILLMORE STREET BETWEEN TWELFTH STREET AND ELEVENTH STREET: Jensen stated that winter parking rules are in effect now, but recommended No Parking on that block year round.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to recommend No Parking on Fillmore Street between Eleventh Street and Twelfth Street. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RELOCATING THE FIRE STATION TO THE WARD AVENUE PROPERTY: Chief St. Martin stated that he and Chief Lyksett have been working together to determine what would be best for both departments. They felt that EMS could use the west building. The east building would need to be removed or relocated for construction of a new building for the Fire Department. He is requesting that \$7500.00 be allocated for an assessment and rendering by Five Bugles. Mike Clark, Five Bugles

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representative, provided a timeline of completed work and the next necessary steps. He also provided drawings of the Cloquet facility. St. Martin requested that Five Bugles proceed with studying the site in order to flush out any unforeseen issues and get a comprehensive picture of the site.

MOTION by Alms, SECOND by Hall to recommend allocating up to \$7,500 for initial drawings and sight placement of the Ward Avenue property in order to pursue RFP. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ON THE USE OF DRONES.: Jensen stated that City Attorney Munkittrick has provided a draft that is straight forward and easy to enforce.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrissette to recommend approval of the ordinance on the use of drones. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADD A STREET LIGHT ON FILLMORE STREET BETWEEN TWELFTH STREET AND ELEVENTH STREET: Hall stated that a pedestrian had tripped walking in the morning. She stated Fillmore has rough pavement and requested a street light. Morrissette questioned whether this was a reactive measure. Hall stated that the only cost would be a \$12 per month fee. She stated that the road has a steep pitch with a rough surface and no sidewalk. Morrissette and Alms were concerned about granting a request for a street light mid-block. However Morrissette supported resurfacing of the street.

MOTION by Hall to recommend installing a street light on Fillmore Street between Twelfth Street and Eleventh Street, stating that the cost would be \$144 per year until the road is fixed. Motion failed for lack of a SECOND.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to recommend street resurface/improvement on Fillmore Street next summer. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CROSSWALK SAFETY ON HANLEY ROAD BETWEEN CARMICHAEL ROAD AND FOXGLOVE WAY: Morrissette asked that this issue be heard at the next meeting.

EMS/FIRE DEPARTMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Chief Lyksett stated an ad hoc committee has been formed to ascertain the needs of EMS. It included a staff survey, the results of which should be available by the next meeting.

The stove and refrigerator have been installed.

There is a full time vacancy for a Paramedic.

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Hall stated that a workgroup will analyze and study EMS recommendations. A finance workgroup has also been formed. The next ad hoc committee meeting will be on November 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and invited all interested to attend.

Chief St. Martin stated they will begin the hiring process after the holidays.

The boat purchase didn't work out as it wasn't quite the right fit the department. They will be getting different bids.

ISO ratings are favorable and the city and townships should be able to realize a reduction in insurance rates.

Chief Jensen that the 14 citizens graduated the Fall 2017 Citizen Police Academy.

Canine Badger and Officer Larson have completed training and are now certified for narcotics detection.

The department is down three officers, but will be back up very soon.

The department has obtained free equipment, such as night vision and masks, through the 1033 military surplus equipment program.

INFORMATION: None.

Chief St. Martin stated that Fire Inspector Mike Perruca came upon a house fire in North Hudson and they were able to get the residents out and safe. He stated the smoke detectors were inoperable and encouraged residents to check theirs and make sure they work.

OTHER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes by Melanie Herberg.