

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 07, 2019**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause
Alderman SJ Morrison
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Eric Williams, Director of Public Services
Deputy Fire Chief James Whiteford
Ryan Zwijack, City Engineer
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Jeff Berkbigler, City Attorney
Alderman Craig Louer, Ward 6
Alderman Jack Burns, Ward 2
Emily Fultz, City Planner

Public Present: Leo Sulentic
Melissa Rawson
Dylan Jerrell
Belinda Yakubovich

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman SJ Morrison and Alderman Chris Farrar.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Alderman Morrison, second by Alderman Farrar to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Monday, December 10, 2018. Motion carried.

Police Department: None

Fire Department:

Informational Items:

- **12/31/2018 Carbon Monoxide Incident - 3049 Westway Drive**
A carbon monoxide incident on December 31, 2019 occurred at the warehouse district at 3049 Westway Drive. During that incident there were eight (8) patients that were ill from carbon monoxide poisoning. Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) transferred one (1) patient to the hospital and the other seven (7) patients refused transport. EFD spent about six (6) hours there trying to track down the cause. They identified some heaters were likely not vented properly.
- **01/01/2019 Mutual Aid for Marine Barn Fire – 7343 Pin Oak Road**
EFD responded to a mutual aid call for a barn fire at 7343 Pin Oak Road, Marine, Illinois on January 1, 2019. EFD was the first on scene. They did most of the fire suppression along with Marine Fire Department and about four (4) other agencies that showed up. Unfortunately the barn was a total loss but there were no injuries to animals or people. About 80,000 gallons of water was used for this fire from Edwardsville's hydrants.

- 01/03/2019 Construction worker fall - 120 Enterprise Drive
On January 3, 2019 a construction worker fell off a roof from a warehouse construction site at 120 Enterprise Drive. The construction worker fell about thirty-five (35) feet and had significant injuries. He was air lifted to St. Louis and to the knowledge of Deputy Fire Chief Whiteford he survived.

Old Business:

- Update on Downtown Crosswalk Safety and Traffic Calming Measures
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approved the plans for the crosswalk signs at all locations. City Engineer Ryan Zwijack stated that it will probably be going out for bid sometime next week. Public Works will move forward with ADA improvements on the sidewalks.
- Constituent Request to Repair Hadley Lane
Since the last meeting, the Public Safety Committee was provided with extensive records of deeds and transfers of Hadley Lane along with surveyors' reports to review. Residents on Hadley Lane stated that ideally they would like to see no more pot holes, just a smooth surface and to repair the deteriorating culvert. They do not need a two (2) lane road. They get by with it being one (1) lane since there are only nine (9) homes on Hadley Lane.

Mr. Dylan Jerrell is concerned that eventually it will become a safety hazard with emergency vehicles, mail carriers, trash pick-ups and delivery trucks. He stated that the last legal transfer of the deed was to the Bank of Edwardsville, which they denied because they have no record of it. Legally the homeowners do not have the rights to hire anyone to fix the road. It seems no one has legal authority to do any repairs. He would like the City of Edwardsville to step in and annex the road. The Bank of Edwardsville tried to transfer the deed to the City of Edwardsville in 1992/1993, which the City of Edwardsville never accepted the deed because the road is not wide enough and not up to city's standards.

City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler stated that a new deed can be created by having the homeowners pay for a survey with sufficient width and have that deeded over to the City of Edwardsville after it has been oil, chipped and paved and has a clear demarcation of the road. City Engineer Ryan Zwijack stated that if the City would move forward with taking this over, the homeowners would have to do a full property survey and fully mark an actual easement/right-of-point from each property owner. The City needs more than twenty (20) feet wide if this is going to be a public road.

The burden of proof now falls on the residences on Hadley Lane. Summarization on the next steps is: 1. ownership determination; 2. getting a full survey done; 3. getting a buy-in from all the property owners; and then 4. City of Council consideration of whether or not to accept the deed to Hadley Lane.

- Lighting on Plum Street (State Route 159) and Terra Verde
Alderman Chris Farrar asked about the lighting on Plum Street and Terra Verde being too dark when turning. At the last Public Safety Committee meeting a few possible solutions were suggested, such as a stop light or a turn lane. Discussions continued and there were a couple more suggestions such as sending a letter to the developer requesting them to light up the sign more or install a street light.


New Business:

Informational Items:

- Street light for frontage road that runs between New Poag and Old Poag
A request for a street light at the corner of New Poag Road and Old Poag Road came from one of Alderman SJ Morrison's constituents. It is hard to see the turn because it is extremely dark there. Director of Public Services Eric Williams stated they will submit a work order to Ameren to get a price quote. Once they receive the quote, Public Works will bring it before the Public Services Committee for approval.
- Alderman Chris Farrar relayed a request from a constituent asking if the City of Edwardsville could ban the single serving alcohol containers that are sold at convenience stores and such. City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler stated that the City can regulate or limit it under the liquor control ordinances. The committee questioned what is the purpose being served by the ban? The constituent is finding the empty bottles on his parking lot. The committee is not in support of banning single serving alcohol containers without a more substantial reason.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, January 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department