

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019**

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

Other Present: Rick Welle, Fire Chief
Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Eric Williams, Director of Public Services
Ryan Zwijack, City Engineer
Alderman Janet Stack
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer

Public Present: Nancy Strickland Alma McInnis Donald Garbas
Cari Wencewicz Kim Schoenfeld Linda Trebing

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:03 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room 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, February 25, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Informational Items:

- Mid-season jacket purchase
Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) had funds in their Clothing Allowance to purchase mid-season jackets. These mid-season jackets were \$89.00 each and can be used as inner liners for outer jackets that they can purchase as the EPD winter jackets start to break down.
- Consortium testing
Consortium testing will be Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). The Police and Fire Commissioners will have a couple of commissioners and police officers there for new recruit testing. The EPD has the current ability to hire off a lateral hiring list which they have done for the last seven (7) hires. They also maintain a new hire list which is comprised of those who have not been officers before. A physical power test will also be done on May 18.
- New hire
EPD has a new hire, Silas Ellis that will start on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. He is a lateral hire from St. Louis City Police department with fifteen (15) years of experience. His swearing-in ceremony will be on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Sine Die City Council meeting. Officer Ellis is replacing Office Doug Renth's position when he retires at the end of May.

Fire Department:

Informational Item:

- 3049 Westway – Fires on April 4, 2018 and March 21, 2019
There have been two (2) fires at 3049 Westway on April 4, 2018 and March 21, 2019. Both of those fires were very suspicious. The fires originated in the same area of the warehouse and they continue to be under investigation by the Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) and with the cooperation of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).
- 326 M Street – Fire on July 12, 2018
326 M Street fire was on July 12, 2018. This was basically a total loss. Fire Chief Welle has been in continuous contact with the owners of that property because it is considered a hazard how it's sitting, vacant, and burnt out, in addition to being a nuisance. The insurance has been paid out on it and they are just waiting for the demo to occur. Chief Welle has also been in contact with the contractor who has been hired to demo this building. The conversation with the contractor is that he hopes to pull the permit today and bring the building down this week. If Chief Welle doesn't see this being done very soon, he will be taking other actions to make sure it does get done.
- 332 Broadview – Fire on January 18, 2019
The fire on January 18, 2019 at 332 Broadview is just outside the City limits but is within the fire protection area. This was a highly suspicious fire and still under investigation with the cooperation of OSFM.
- Gateway East – Amazon
On one (1) of the tours at Amazon located on Gateway East, EFD mentioned that they were having difficulty with radio communications. Amazon has stepped up to the plate. They are working with EFD and EFD's telecommunications to install a repeater in their building. This will give EFD better radio communications inside and outside the building.
- Outdoor warning siren
The siren was taken off the old Public Safety Building on North Main Street and was not a good candidate for rehab. The new outdoor warning siren cost came out of this past fiscal year budget and the money has been set aside. The county will have a final vote on May 7th allowing the City to install it in their parking lot behind the jail. The siren has been ordered.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- No parking request on Second Avenue next to the Smoothie King and BJ's Printables.
When a car is parked next to the curb by BJ's Printables, the Smoothie King's drive thru backs up onto Second Avenue blocking traffic from getting through. Will get more information on site distances and photographs to make a determination on removing the two spots by BJ's Printables.
- No parking request on East Park Street
East Park Street has parking on both sides of the street between South Buchanan Street and South Kansas Street. This doesn't allow cars to get through going in both directions at the same time. The EPD will put up a temporary order of "No Parking" signs twenty (20) feet from the yellow curb on the north-eastern end of East Park Street corner to see if that makes a difference. Report back to the committee in two (2) weeks to see how effective this was.
- No parking request on the south side on H Street
H Street is a dead end narrow street with not a lot of traffic and some brush coming out onto the street. When parking by Eden Church it is difficult to see to get through. Public Works will follow up with Eden Church to get their response and bring it back to the committee in two (2) weeks. If Eden Church has no issues then the committee will pursue an ordinance of no parking.

- North Myrtle Street traffic summary
North Myrtle Street between Randle Street and St. Louis Street is a two-way street with parking on both sides. The public buses and school buses barely miss parked cars. Cars have parked all the way to corner by the stop sign onto Randle Street. Public Works will yellow paint the curb from the stop sign just past the side walk steps. Return in August to find out if Madison County Transit (MCT) is changing its bus route and reassess then.
- Fountain Avenue at West Union Street
Exiting Fountain Avenue onto West Union Street is hard to see on-coming traffic. Public Works will check with Republic Services to see how they service this area and what size truck they use for trash pickup. Will reassess in two (2) weeks to see about making it a one-way street.
- Deliveries in the alley between South Main Street and Monroe Street
The alley between South Main Street and Monroe Street has businesses on the east side of the alley and houses on the other side. Delivery trucks are parking in the alley for extended amount of time blocking the alley. Chief Keeven suggested to the residence to call the EPD at 618-656-2131 when this happens. They will issue warnings or tickets.
- Fences at property lines in alleys
The alley between South Main Street and South Kansas Street at East Schwartz Street will be used more with new development coming in. There is an issue with sight lines at this corner and with the wall protecting the utility pole. Public Works will map all the alley ways throughout the community and consider looking at one ways for some alleys.
- No parking request at Ramey Street
Alderman Morrison is requesting no parking on the north side of Ramey Street from South Myrtle Street all the way to Olive Street. People are not using the parking lot and parking on the street, making it difficult to get through because of narrowing in the street. Public Works will draft an ordinance for no parking.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department