Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2019

Members Present:  
Alderman Will Krause  
Alderman Janet Stack  
Alderman Chris Farrar

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

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderman Janet Stack.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Alderman Stack, second by Alderman Krause to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Monday, June 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department: None

Fire Department:
Informational Items:

• Discussion regarding the City’s Emergency Plan
  Fire Chief Rick Welle presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the restructuring of the City’s Emergency Plan. The last major overhaul was done in the mid 1990’s. It will be aligned with the current FEMA National Preparedness Framework and Incident Command System. He gave a brief explanation of the objectives and plan elements sections. The City has several departments which will be combined into four (4) major functional categories:
    1. Law Enforcement / Dispatch
    2. Fire / EMS
    3. Public Works
    4. Administration
  The items that are covered in tonight’s meeting are general pointers that may need some input. The overall City’s Emergency Plan is considered to be a security document for official use only not available to the public.

New Business:
Discussion Items:

• A right turn only sign at East College onto Main Street/IL 159
  Alderman Krause has safety concerns about the amount of accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles at East College Street and North Main Street. College is a one way street and the line of sight is very limited when turning onto Main Street. There was a discussion about making it a right turn only but that would limit vehicles from going straight through Main Street onto West College Street. Making it a no left turn would allow for vehicles to go straight through and make right-hand turns. It was agreed upon that no left turns would be the best solution. A resolution will be presented at the next Public Safety Committee meeting for no left turn signage.
• Stop/pedestrian lights at South Buchanan Street and East Vandalia Street
  Alderman Farrar had a constituent complaining about the intersection of Buchanan Street and
  East Vandalia Street. Some of his complaints were about the sidewalk sizes being too small, no
  access to the stores and vehicles not stopping when making right turns. His main complaint was
  the timing of the crosswalk lights being too short to cross the street. City Engineer Ryan Zwijack
  checked the timing of the crosswalks. He stated that you get nine (9) seconds of full white signal
  before it starts flashing. The white signal means you can start walking, flashing signal means
  don’t start walking cross the street but you can continue to cross if you already started, and a
  red signal means not to enter the street. Pressing the crosswalk button just activates the
  crosswalk signal when it is your turn to cross. Alderman Farrar will get this information to the
  constituent.

Old Business:
• On Hold - No parking request on the south side on H Street
  H Street is a dead end narrow street. When parking on H Street by Eden Church it is difficult to
  see to get through. Eden Church is fine with making H Street no parking on one side. Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) will survey the six (6) to eight (8) residences on H Street to see if they agree to no parking and if so what side they prefer.

• Status of the Slow Down Downtown Campaign - pedestrian cross walk beacons in the downtown area
  In previous meetings there were discussions on putting in solar powered pedestrian crosswalk
  (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) lights in three (3) downtown areas:
  1. St. Louis Street and West Vandalia Street by the Bank of Edwardsville
  2. College Street and North Main Street by the Wildey Theatre
  3. Mid-block crosswalk on the 200th block of North Main Street by 222 Artisan Bakery &
  Café.

  The pricing on the crosswalk lights for purchase and installation is $6,625.00 for each pole. This
  includes the galvanized poles, solar panels and all the signage. Illinois Department of
  Transportation (IDOT) approved the plans for the crosswalk signs at location #1 and #2 but
  denied the plan for location #3.

  Public Works presented an analysis by Oates Associates of the mid-block crosswalk on the 200th
  block of North Main Street. They gave four (4) potential alternatives. Option 3 was
  recommended.
  1. Removal of crosswalk: This option was dismissed due to its high volume of pedestrians.
  2. Pedestrian Signal (HAWK System): This would provide the safest way to cross but was
     determined to be infeasible at this time.
  3. Installing advances signs and pavement markings: This option provides advance notices
     to the motorists and is an economical approach.
  4. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons: The beacons would be push button activated and
     would flash for crossing. Because of the high volume of pedestrians during peak times it
     would be constantly flashing and backing up traffic. This option could induce unintended
     safety issues.

  The Public Safety Committee agreed to have Public Works move forward with bidding the
  beacon lights for the two (2) approved locations. The mid-block crossing on North Main Street
  will remain as is.
• Status of crosswalk on North Main Street by Union Street for Main Street Community Center.
In a previous meeting it was discussed about putting a crosswalk on North Main Street from the
bus stop to the Main Street Community Center. Public Works stated that they are 99% sure that
IDOT will deny this request. No further action is required of this issue.

• Status of crosswalk at Hillsboro Avenue and Commercial Street
In a previous Public Safety Committee meeting Alderman Morrison was approached by
Trailhead Church trying to find a better way to get church members across Hillsboro Avenue to
the corner of Commercial Street.

Public Works had Oates Associates do an analysis to determine if the proposed crosswalk
location meets all sight distance and safety criteria. It was recommended to install curve
warning signs and advisory speed signs of 15 MPH. According to Oates, the curve has a design
speed of 15 MPH. There are no existing sight obstructions. The location for a crosswalk meets
the criteria but the sidewalks would need to be ADA compliant. There was previous discussion
about Trailhead assisting with the cost of installing ADA compliant curbs.

The Public Safety Committee agreed to move forward with installing 15 MPH advisory speed
limit signs for the curve at Hillsboro Avenue and Commercial Street. This informational item will
moved to Council.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, July 08, 2019 at
5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand the meeting was
adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

[Signature]
Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department