

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Common Council Chambers
31 South Madison Street

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dianne Duggan.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Dianne Duggan, Larry Dobbs and Jon Senn. Others present: Members of the public, Sergeant Chris Jones, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, and City Administrator Ian Rigg.
3. **Agenda.** A motion was made by Dobbs, seconded by Senn, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 3-0.
4. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Senn, seconded by Dobbs, to approve the January 8, 2020 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 3-0.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None.
6. **Old Business.**
 - A. **Chapter 14 – Animals.** Rigg explained that the previous change suggested to the committee was to be one or the other to clean up a problem with the ordinance. Either reclassify what is a commercial animal establish to those that keep medical records or get rid of the requirement for the medical records. Rigg suggested to get rid of the medial record inspection because of other issues related to the sensitivity of said records. The Committee agreed and will make its recommendation known to Council next meeting.
7. **New Business.**
 - A. A motion was made by Senn, seconded by Dobbs, to approve the Original Operators License applications for:
 - (1) Fae R Egli
 - (2) Travon M Randolph
 - (3) Randi K Schumacher
 - (4) Anastasia K Werner
 - (5) Carol Sue WingerMotion was approved 3-0.
 - B. A motion was made by Senn, seconded by Dobbs, to recommend to Common Council Ordinance approval of the Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for a **Class B Beer** and **Class C Wine** License for:
 - (1) **Ceili, Shannon Arndt, Agent**, 414 Meadow Lane, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Ceili, 16 W Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.Motion was approved 3-0.
 - C. A motion was made by Senn, seconded by Dobbs, to approve the short term street use license on North 1st Street from West Main Street up to (but not including) Montgomery Court for Friends of the Eager Free Public Library’s Annual Ice Cream Social on June 26, 2020, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm..

Motion was approved 3-0.

8. **Police Department Report.** Dobbs commented to members of the public about how proud the committee is of the report the department writes and the time they take to share information. Jones gave the written monthly report covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation. Officer Johnson is in phase 3 of his training and Officer Fraser is in phase 4. Reese finished police chief training. Officer Rittenhouse was in Washington DC for training with members of BASE. This training focused on at risk LGBTQ youth. The department continues to work with the Youth Center. Officer Wickstrum continues his outreach to the senior citizens of the community. The department is preparing to transition from Glock .40 to Glock 9mm. On-site review for accreditation is complete. The department had a few high risk and domestic situations that were handled well by staff. Using de-escalation techniques officers were able to resolve the issues without further harm or problems. Calls for January were 1094 in 2020 and 1031 in 2019. Rigg mentioned that the City is meeting with an electrical engineer to determine the best option for emergency power generation at the PD and City Hall.
9. **EMS Report.** Chief Kessenich gave her written report. The department continues its training and certifications. The calls for service appear to be increasing. Kessenich asked the committee to consider the potential for going to some form of paid full-time staff at the station. There is ongoing discussion about joint service or so kind of sharing with the Fire District. There are strong signs a county wide system may be coming in the next 5-10 years. Rigg stated that one issue with going to paid staff at the moment is the unknown with the Fire District. Any potential for cost savings and what a position with the ambulance may look like if such a change occurred is unknown.
10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:00 pm.
11. **Motion to adjourn.** A motion was made by Dobbs, seconded by Senn, to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Motion was approved 3-0.

Ian Rigg,
City Administrator

The minutes are not official until approved by the Public Safety Committee at the next regular meeting.