

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
JUNE 5, 2017

Chairperson Wojnicz called the meeting to order at 5:45P.M. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Members Present: Ald. Ed Wojnicz, Mayor Brian Landers, Ald. Brian Holzem and Ald. Ben Anderson

Others: Ald. Mike Freel, Ald. Jesse DeFosse, Police Chief Jody Ward, City Clerk/Coordinator Nancy Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Public Works Director David Holzem, Fire Chief Scott Walsh, Assistant Fire Chief Pat Gavinski, City Attorney Joseph Hasler, Mary Panzer, Steve Cohen, Jake Beard, Greg Slayton, and Ed Legge from the *Dells Events*.

2. Motion by Mayor Landers seconded by Ald. Holzem to approve the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Riverwood Eagle's Nest Development.

The committee reviewed and provided comments on Section 3 of the Riverwood Eagle's Nest Development Agreement regarding emergency management. Mayor Landers stated that he and the developers had been working with the fire department and EMS and that they stated they would agree to the project moving forward without a secondary access at this time. Discussion took place regarding the challenges of proposed secondary access routes, needed easements and costs. Mayor Landers stated that the city and the developer needed to find a middle ground that worked for both. Attorney Hasler questioned the need for data to make a secondary access decision. Asking the developer to put infrastructure in place for a once in a lifetime catastrophic event may not be realistic. Project developers Mary Panzer and Steve Cohen stated that they appreciated the fire department stances on this and that they had been working diligently to find a solution. Steve added that the proposed development must meet State (DHS) approval which includes an emergency and fire plan. The developer is asking that they be allowed to construct Phase 1A and 1B without a secondary access. They understand that it may be required to continue with any additional phases.

After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mayor Landers seconded by Ald. Holzem to approve the emergency management portion of the Riverwood Eagle's Nest Development Agreement as presented, which allows for Phases 1A and 1B to be constructed without a secondary access to the property. Motion carried unanimously. Fire Chief Walsh also confirmed to City Planner Tollaksen that he is okay with the fire lanes as presented for both phases 1A and 1B. The agreement as well as the GDP and site plan will go before the City Plan Commission on June 14th for future review.

4. Beard Kayak Rentals.

Jake Beard appeared before the committee to present safety information on the kayak rental business he will be starting on the Lower Dells portion of the river (Mexicali Rose area). Although his Conditional Use Permit application for the business was denied at the May 15, 2017 Common Council meeting, he removed the elements that required the city permit and is

now able to start the business without a permit from the city. Mr. Beard stated that he did not want the council members to feel that that he circumvented things to get around their denial. He presented a handout at the meeting outlining the safety aspects of his business. He noted that he was only going to be doing the kayak rentals at this time and not the tubes, as originally proposed. When asked where the take out point for the kayaks would be, Beard stated the he was currently working on a lease but did not state the location. This was information only.

5. Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Mayor Landers to convene into **closed session** pursuant to State Stat. 19.85(1)(c)&(g) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data, of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction over; and to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advise. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0.
6. Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Mayor Landers to reconvene into **open session**. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0. No action was taken in open session.
7. No date was set for the next meeting.
8. Motion Ald. Holzem seconded by Mayor Landers to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Nancy R. Holzem
City Clerk/Coordinator