

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

Chairperson Wojnicz called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

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

Others: Ald. Mike Freel, Ald. Jesse DeFosse, Ald. Terry Marshall, Police Chief Jody Ward, Police Lieutenant Perry Mayer, City Clerk/Coordinator Nancy Holzem, Fire Chief Pat Gavinski, City Treasurer Karen Terry, City Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Tollaksen, City Attorney Joseph Hasler, Dan Anchor, and Kay James from the Dells Events.
2. Motion by Ald. Anderson seconded by Ald. Holzem to approve the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Update on K-9 Unit.
Chief Ward updated the committee on the K-9 unit. The first dog had to be replaced due to a seizure disorder. The replacement dog (Rocky) is working well. Chief Ward stated that the dog is a passive indicator drug dog that sits instead of scratching for drug hits. To date he has had 22 drug finds resulting in 17 arrests.
4. Update to Police Department Policy No. 02-03.
Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to approve updated Police Department Policy No. 02-03 which adds a detective job description. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Downtown Traffic Flow.
Mayor Wojnicz stated he would like to see more traffic assistance on Broadway at River Road during peak times to help alleviate some of the traffic backups, especially on Sunday mornings after check-out time at the hotels. Chief Ward stated that they will assist when needed but he did not feel there was a need for it and having Oak Street opened back up may assist with traffic flow as well.
6. Proposed Stop Sign at Wisconsin and Capital.
Ald. Freel and Police Chief Ward looked at the area and did not feel a stop sign was needed. No action was taken.
7. Fire Department Budget.
Fire Chief Pat Gavinski submitted his proposed 2019 operating budget and capital budget for the Fire Department. Proposed was a \$2000 increase in revenue and operating expenses. The capital outlay budget for the department was reviewed including \$350,000 for the replacement of Squad 12, a 2001 rescue truck that is used for most fire and rescue calls. Chief Gavinski felt the department could possibly come up with \$100,000 towards the purchase. City Treasurer Karen Terry stated that the city could come up with the other \$250,000. She stated that a schedule should be established for replacing their vehicles. Motion by Ald.

Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to move the requested operating and capital budgets for the Fire Department on to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Department Budget.

Police Chief Jody Ward presented his 2019 operating budget which included the addition of 3 police officers and a dispatcher. Chief Ward provided statistics on the need for the additional officers. Mayor Wojnicz stated that the city is not in a position to add 3 officers and a dispatch position that the Personnel Committee previously eliminated. Ald. Holzem agreed with the need for the additional officers but stated it was not realistic due to budget restraints. The committee asked the Chief to work with City Treasurer Karen Terry on a budget to be presented to the Finance Committee that would include the addition of one full-time officer and one part-time officer. Capital requests were 2 new squads to replace the 2014 squads (\$79,700), 2 new portable radios (\$7830.32), and building window repairs (\$10,000). Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to move an updated version of the operating budget and the requested capital budget on to the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Emergency Management & Public Safety/Training Budget

Motion by Ald. Anderson seconded by Ald. Holzem to move the requested 2019 Emergency Management & Public Safety/Training budgets to the Finance Committee. No increases were requested. Motion carried unanimously.

10. No date was set for the next meeting.

11. Motion Ald. Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Nancy R. Holzem
City Clerk/Coordinator