

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 13, 2017

7:30 P.M.

Police Training Room 4th Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Maria Jones, Councilwoman Marie Carrubba, Councilwoman Vickye James,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Thomas Nelson, Councilman Brent Sheldon, Captain Robert Samuelson, Deputy Fire Chief Chester Harvey.

Councilwoman Jones called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were approved.

Public Comment/Persons to address the Committee

No one appeared to speak.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Application - Jamestown Renaissance Corporation - Downtown Jamestown Christmas Parade

Ms. Jones: The parade location of course is straight down Third Street. There's also convening at the plaza, the city hall plaza down here as we all know, for the tree lighting and the fireworks. The parade will go on from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. There is however, a problem that was so complicated, I couldn't sort through it, but Chet has denied it; for reasons that were listed in the comment section which were, no signature on the event application. Did they correct those things, do you know?

Chief Harvey: I'll let the clerk say what he's got.

Ms. Jones: There's a lot of stuff. Chet said, no way.

Mr. Thomas: Everything appears to have been corrected except for the fireworks permit. Chief Harvey may have more information on that.

Deputy Chief Harvey: I have contacted Mr. Agett and am working with him on it. The permit that he turned in did not list the shell size or the setback. He didn't have a licensed pyrotechnician listed and he said he's going to get that from Young. I haven't heard from him since last week.

Mr. Thomas: The alternative, you could also approve parade pending the approval of the fireworks permit.

Ms. Jones: Yes. Approval from the Fire Chief. We could just go ahead and approve it pending the final approval. Is that okay? Can we do that?

Deputy Chief Harvey: Sure.

Ms. Jones: Okay. Are we okay with it?

Ms. Carrubba: I don't think we'll have a meeting before that. I'd move that we have a contingency that all the issues have to be corrected.

Ms. Jones: All the things that were in the denial are corrected and anything else.

Ms. Carrubba: The parade could go on, but not the fireworks because the issue is the fireworks, isn't it? It isn't the parade itself. I would hate to at this point.

Ms. Jones: But, it's up to them.

Ms. Carrubba: No, I agree. But, I'm saying if the real issue is...

The members approved the request contingent on approval for the fireworks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Carrubba: Under other business, I know they're not here tonight, but the individuals that were involved in the Renaissance Block Challenge on Third Street have concerns about traffic and traffic speed and they were asking, I believe, they wanted another stop sign put in to one of the streets. It's a through street from Hall down to McDaniel and traffic really flies through there. I know I've gotten a number of complaints from people that live on the corners of Hallock and Front about the traffic speeding through and rolling through stop signs and I think they're trying to find a way to slow the traffic down.

Ms. Jones: They want a stop sign at which corner? Front Street?

Ms. Carrubba: On Front and I believe it's Lakin. I think Lakin is where it's kind of the middle of the block between Hall and Hallock. I realize there are a lot of things that have to go through. They want to find a method to slow down the traffic. There are a lot of kids on that street.

Mr. Sheldon: Have they had the police speed trailer?

Ms. Carrubba: I'm trying to remember whether they asked to have the trailer, but that's a temporary thing because I know every time they put the trailer on Hallock it slows for a little bit and then give it two or three months and then the same people tell me they're doing it all over again.

Mr. Sheldon: I don't think there's enough traffic to justify a stop sign.

Ms. Carrubba: I don't know because the neighbors, if you live down in that area, there are brick streets and people just... Ellis is one block, Widrig is one block. The people on Front all tell me that traffic just...

Ms. Jones: We'll refer this to the police and see what they can do first and see if there's anything beyond that to do. And that is traffic is too fast on Front Street. Is that the issue?

Ms. Carrubba: Yes, the issue is traffic on Front. I'm bringing it up on behalf of the residents that talked to me. They were trying to get here tonight...

Mr. Nelson: I had a similar complaint on the upper end of Camp Street where they've done the construction and the road is in great shape now, but now they're going too fast.

Ms. Jones: So we have the upper end of Camp Street is too fast as well.

Mr. Nelson: Yes. From Hebner going up out of the city. I think they're coming down the hill a little too fast.

Ms. Carrubba: I stood on that street and watched and Russ Diethrick asked me.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd M. Thomas
Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk