

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 16, 2012
7:00 P.M.
Police Training Room, 4th Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Steve Szwejbka, Councilman Paul Whitford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Maria Jones

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Harry Snellings, Deputy Fire Chief Chet Harvey, Vickie Bardo, Councilman Greg Rabb, Councilman Vince DeJoy, Councilwoman Kim Ecklund

Chairman Szwejbka called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment/Persons to address the Committee

Pam Watress, 114 Lakeview Ave. stated she and her neighbors are having a problem with stray cats. We are requesting that the Animal Control assist with this problem. They are tearing into garbage bags, they spray on the siding. We can't wash it off.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated we do not handle cats. It has been an ongoing problem. We addressed this last year. With strays we recommend someone trap them. the issue for us is the cost. We get billed for each cat.

Pam Watress stated we would have to trap them our self?

Councilman Szwejbka asked if private businesses did that in this area?

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated ACO Greg Fye has that information.

Pam Watress stated that there are no repercussions to do this?

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated we cannot track ownership.

Pam Watress stated we were hoping that if no one missed their cat after three days it must be a stray cat. I have to license my dog.

Councilman Szwejbka we cannot afford to finance officers to pick up cats anymore. Twenty years ago they were picked up. Give Officer Fye a call to get the names.

Mr. Olson stated there is no regulation under the New York State Ag and Markets Law to license cats. We have talked about that for many years here.

Councilman Szwejbka stated we wish we could do more.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Application – The Salvation Army – 5K Anew Run and Walk.

The members approved the request.

Special Event Application – YWCA of Jamestown – Stand Against Racism.

The members approved the request.

Special Event Application – Prevent Child Abuse New York – Walk for Children-Jamestown.

Councilwoman Ecklund asked if a review can be further done regarding the areas where no sidewalks are.

Mr. Olson stated that the office normally forwards this down the JPD for review in case there is a question.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated he would review the request.

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Special Event Application – National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Walk MS 2012.

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Special Event Application – Chautauqua County Roller Derby – Roller Derby Bout.

Approvals from the ABC Board have been received approving of the request to serve beer and wine. An Insurance certificate has also been received.

The members approved the request.

Special Event Application – The Resource Center/DJDC – Filling the Gap Street Jam.

Vickie Bardo stated the event will be held on June 2-3 and asked if there were any questions on the application.

The members approved the request.

Request from AAUW to use Tracy Plaza on April 17, 2012.

The members approved the request.

Dash for Prevention-Diabetes Awareness Scavenger Hunt

Mr. Olson stated that because this will be held entirely on the sidewalks, this is for informational purposes only.

OLD BUSINESS

Forest Avenue Street Lighting

Chairman Szwejbka read an email from Dave Leathers regarding increasing the wattage in the area as the Public Safety Committee requested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk