

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 12, 2010
6:45 P.M.
Police Training Room, 4th Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Taylor, Council Member Stephen Szwejbka, Council Member Maria Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Captain Barry Swanson, Director of Development Centi, Tami Downey, Lee Harkness, Vicky Bardo, Councilman Whitford, Councilman Dolce, Council President Rabb

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No one appeared to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Application - Various Sponsors - Love Fest.

Chairman Taylor stated that the application must be signed and an insurance certificate presented prior to issuing permit. Debbie Patti stated the release has been signed and the office is waiting for more information on the insurance certificate. The members approved the event pending receipt of an insurance certificate naming the City as an additional insured.

Special Event Application - The Resource Center - Gus Macker.

Vicky Bardo explained they are submitting the application for use of Third St. from Main to Monroe closing streets on Friday June 4 - 6 starting at 9:30 on June 4th after the traffic gets through and opening on Monday as soon as they can. Captain Swanson stated that because of another project that is getting started, West Second Street behind the ice arena will need to remain open. Because the Washington Street bridge is closed, the state DOT did not have a problem with Washington Street being closed from East Second St to Fourth Street with the

appropriate signage. We will take care of that. It also allows us to handle the courts a little bit better on Washington Street for this event. It takes care of a huge problem of pedestrian traffic crossing Third St. on Washington St. (Councilwoman Maria Jones arrived). This year it will work for us. Mr. Harkness will make the appropriate changes to the event application. Battalion Chief Johnston noted keeping West 2nd St. open gives us access to Steele Street going all the way across. Captain Swanson asked that there not be a hoop underneath the light on Jefferson St. The members approved the event pending discussed changes.

Special Event Application – James Prendergast Library – Cummins Run for Literacy.
The members approved the Event.

DJDC - Request to hold Hands on Jamestown Community Clean-up. Mr. Harkness stated last year they had 600 volunteers. The members approved the event.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution authorizing a neighborhood watch program in the vicinity of Hall Ave and authorizing the Director of Public Works to place and maintain appropriate signage.

The members approved the request and asked that a resolution be prepared for the April 26, 2010 meeting.

Ordinance amending Section 175-3.b of the Jamestown City Code relative to reroofing.

The members approved the ordinance and asked that an ordinance amendment be prepared for the April 26, 2010 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Event Application - Lucy Desi Days: Fan Appreciation

The members reviewed the revised application. East 3rd Street between Spring and Prendergast cannot be closed prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. All intersections must remain open. Battalion Fire Chief Johnston stated issues have been resolved. The members approved the event.

Special Event Application - DJDC - Community Celebration.

Captain Swanson indicated the event would take place in front of the DJDC and in their Parking Lot. The application indicated closing Third Street if needed. Captain Swanson noted they hoped they could do the event without closing the street. There are logistic problems getting people in and out of the Chadakoin Building. The members approved the event.

Public Safety Processes

Chairman Taylor suggested Public Safety Committee members meet with the County Public Safety Committee so that there is some sort of communication at the County level to find common ground. He welcomes the City of Dunkirk too who have a similar idea to meet with them as well. Councilman Szwejbka suggests the Committee concentrate meeting with the County Public Safety at this time.

New Business

Council President Rabb stated he is on the Parking Committee for the Unitarian Church. They will be celebrating their anniversary on May 16th. They are expecting a lot of people and they are looking into parking issues. They have requested that parking be allowed on Prendergast Avenue between Buffalo and Kingsbury during the time of their anniversary celebration. Normal Church service is from 10:30 to noon. Councilman Dolce asked how many people are expected. Council President Rabb indicated more than normal. They are looking at different options. Captain Swanson indicated it might be too narrow. Councilman Dolce asked if they have asked the Methodist Church if they could use their parking lot. Another option would be to ask Holy Family if they could use their lot. Councilman Szwejbka suggested the Police Department along with Public Works take a look at the area and make a recommendation.

Council President Rabb has been approached by employees of Starbucks who want to volunteer to clean up Chadakoin Park. They have asked for a City Truck to be down there to take away litter and junk. Council President Rabb has contacted John Williams in the Parks Department. Councilman Szwejbka asked if it could be combined with the event just approved. Council President Rabb stated they wanted to do it on Earth Day - April 22nd.

Councilman Dolce indicated he has been contacted by a constituent regarding the noise from braking of the trucks on North Main Street near Love School. Captain Swanson will look into the problem.

Mr. Harkness advised the members that people are riding motorized wheelchairs in streets and expressed concerns that someone is going to get hurt. Chairman Taylor asked if there was an ordinance regarding motorized vehicles on streets. Captain Swanson will check the Vehicle and Traffic Law. Discussion tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk