

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 6, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Police Training Room, Fourth Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brent Sheldon, Councilman William Reynolds III, Councilman Jeff Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Williams, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Tim Jackson, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Coon

Councilman Sheldon called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

Tom Andalora of 11 West 8th Street appeared to address the committee regarding two intersections that he believes are the most dangerous in the city, those being West 6th and Main Street and West 6th and Washington Street. He cited the recent fatal pedestrian accident and invited council members to visit him at his home to witness what he says are multiple traffic infractions occurring daily. He noted that with Love School being an elementary school, attention needs to be paid to that area.

Resolutions

1. RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Utilities be, and it hereby is, requested to install one (1) new 150W equivalent LED fixture at the following location:

BPU Pole 17415

Crossman Street

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Russell.

Carried: 3 – 0

2. Resolution authorizing the City Council of the City of Jamestown to adopt the attached EMS Billing Policy for the City of Jamestown, effective immediately.

Councilman Sheldon asked if there were changes made to the policy and DFC Coon responded that the city did not have a clear cut policy in place and this will help the department collect on debts.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

3. WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002, the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200201C03 that effective immediately and until further notice instituted a hiring freeze for the City of Jamestown, and

Whereas, on November 20, 2006, the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200611B17 to extend the freeze to any change in employment from Part-Time to Full-Time status, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Police Department, an effort to effectively manage the city's day-to-day responsibilities in a cost-efficient manner, it is in the City of Jamestown's best interest to lift the hiring freeze for a certain position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that effective immediately the Jamestown City Council hereby suspends the hiring freeze instituted by resolution number 200201C03 and authorized the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

One Clerk II in the Jamestown Police Department

This position is vacant due to a resignation.

- Funding provided through the Jamestown Police Department Budget.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Russell.

4. RESOLVED, that Mayor Sundquist and Chief Jackson be and they hereby are authorized and directed to enter into a purchase agreement with Crime Point, 4682 Calle Bolero Suite A, Camarillo, CA 93012, six (6) Utility Pole Transformer surveillance cameras, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$75,900.00), subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

- Funding is broken down as follows: cost for 4 of the cameras Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$50,600) to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act funds with the remaining Twenty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$25,300) to be paid with Federal Drug Seizure funds.

Councilman Reynolds asked Chief Jackson if there were locations already selected and were they movable and the Chief responded yes to both. Councilman Russell asked if this was replacing units that were aged out or adding to the stock and Chief Jackson responded that it was a matter of both. Councilman Sheldon asked if the department had ever used this type before and Chief Jackson responded that this type was new to the department.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Russell.

Carried: 3 – 0

Informational Report

1. Special Event Permit Application – Juneteenth Celebration Movie Night to be held on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Clerk Williams distributed color maps for the event which showed the location of where alcohol can be purchased and noted that insurance, payment and department head signoff had all been approved.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the event application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

2. Special Event Permit Application – Hello Summer to be held on Friday, June 24, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Sheldon noted that this event was tied in with Diethrick Park and a fireworks permit application and asked if the sponsor was aware of the new firework restrictions in the city. Mr. Pat Smeraldo discussed the process of working with the firework vendor in an effort to create a quieter show. He told the committee that he would work with the vendor and let him know that the show would have to be quieter. He noted that the show would be quite short at 8 to 10 minutes.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the event application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

3. Special Event Permit Application – Christmas in July to be held on Friday and Saturday July 22 and July 23, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. between Diethrick Park and Washington Street.

Mr. Smeraldo pointed out the different events that would be going on throughout the weekend to celebrate this event including a Riverwalk color run, a craft fair within the Public Market, a curling tournament at the ice arena and Christmas Vacation showing at the National Comedy Center – no alcohol sales occurring. Along the Riverwalk after the movie there will be Christmas decorations. The times were confirmed as well. Mr. Smeraldo is working with downtown businesses to encourage them to participate in the event as well by running sales and specials. He also hopes to have a sidewalk sale for downtown stores.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the event application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

4. Special Event Permit Application - Downtown Jamestown Cruise-In to be held on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Chamber were present to address the event. Councilman Sheldon noted that at the conclusion of last year's event, there were issues with dangerous and noisy driving in terms of burning rubber etc. the Chamber noted that it will be addressed at the start of the event. Councilman Reynolds asked how many cars participated last year and it was mentioned that it was between two and three hundred cars.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the event application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

5. Block Party Application - First Covenant Art Show to be held Saturday June 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the event application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

6. Whirleybird Music and Art Festival – changes to their existing special event application were discussed and new maps were given to the members. The festival ending time has changed from 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with the tear down time being pushed back to 11:00 p.m.

The members reviewed the event again regarding the street closures, etc.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Russell. The members approved the request 3 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Williams City Clerk/Treasurer