

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 12, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brent Sheldon, Councilman William Reynolds III

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Jeff Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Williams, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Timothy Jackson, Officer Rhinehart, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Coon, Corporation Counsel Elliot Raimondo

Councilman Sheldon called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

Melissa Paterniti of 346 Falconer Street appeared before the Public Safety Committee to discuss the people being confronted at CVS. She was advised by Councilman Sheldon and Chief Jackson suggested that if this happens to anyone to please contact the Jamestown Police Department.

Public Comment

1. WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown heretofore applied for State funding under the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the City's application has been approved, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to execute a grant agreement with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Program in the amount of ten thousand forty-four dollars (\$10,044.00) for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

- Resolution also appears on the Finance agenda.

It was noted that this is an annual grant that was received in the past as well.

The Committee agreed to place this resolution on the agenda for the September 26, 2022 voting session.

Ordinance/Local Law

2. Proposed Redistricting of City Council Boundaries

Councilman Sheldon led the discussion and noted that the Public Safety Committee received new ward boundaries and a description of the proposed changes in their packet. The decision came from the Reapportion Commission of which Councilman Sheldon and Clerk/Treasurer Williams were members. The commission chose to make as few changes as possible to the previous ward and district maps.

- The committee approved the proposed changes to the Ward and District Boundaries. The proposed changes will now be sent to the full city council for review and approval.

Councilman Reynolds reminded those in attendance of the of the Public Safety Committee Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Christ First United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. He also noted that on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 a faith-based organization will meet at First Covenant church to discuss the homeless population and come up with solutions. The Homeless Coalition met on Monday afternoon. Councilman Sheldon noted that the UCAN Mission is currently full and actually, some of the people under the viaduct are staying at the shelter. They have a sense of community and choose to stick together. Some others have been asked to leave as they were not following the rules of the shelter.

Ms. Paterniti, Councilman Sheldon and Councilman Reynolds spoke regarding the homeless population that is currently taking up residence near the riverwalk.

Deputy Fire Chief Matt Coon presented changes to the Electrical Standards to the Public Safety Committee. As Deputy Fire Chief it is Mr. Coon's responsibility to serve as the chairman to the Board of Electrical Examiners. Many members licensed elections have brought proposed changes to the board that they would like to see adapted into the City Code. These changes include changes to the licensing, enforcement of unlicensed work and code enforcement changes by way of increasing their ability to issue citations. Deputy Chief Coon noted that the code changes will include new language regarding testing of applicants; applicants are now able to test prior and then provide proof of passing in order to apply for an electrician license.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Williams