

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, 6:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

1. Alderman Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Jessica Nehring, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Mittzi Fulrath, Alderman Ron Boyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Rickard, Clerk Caryn Huber, City Administrator Brian Brooks, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Police Chief Todd Murray

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve the September 20, 2023, agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Boyer. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 19, 2023 – Alderman Boyer motioned to approve the July 19, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Fulrath, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
5. **UTV'S IN PARK DISTRICT PARKING LOTS – When the City adopted the UTV Ordinance, the School District and the Park District did not want UTVs operated on their property. This was specified in the ordinance. The Park District has now requested that the ordinance be modified to allow UTVs to have access to their parking lots at Blackhawk Meadow Park, Hamas Park, Johnson Park and Tiger Town Park. This will not apply to any school owned parking lots. Alderman Gyorkos motioned to recommend council approval to modify our UTV ordinance and allow UTVs in the Park District parking lots. Motion seconded by Alderman Boyer. Roll call vote: Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Fulrath, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
6. **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – Chief Murray reported that a squad car will be available for purchase soon. He will be replacing the Charger. When another police officer is hired, we will need another vehicle.**
7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE – Chief Murray distributed the August 2023 report. Officer Hankins is now on his own and is doing well. Chief Murray has been working with Administrator Brooks to streamline the process of obtaining background checks for new hires, solicitors, peddlers and mobile food vehicles. He has signed up for a company**

that can report on criminal history, background checks and credit checks. The fees incurred for the service will be passed on to the vendors in their fee. Our cost is \$10 a month to use the service. Vendor checks are \$19.10.

8. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Clerk Huber reported that social media posts will focus on Fall issues. A recent post discussed how long into the season the chipper will run on Fridays. Soon, a post will address the raking of leaves into the street.
9. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Fulrath motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Nehring. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Boyer, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Alderman Nehring adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Caryn A. Huber*, City Clerk of Byron, Illinois