

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020, 6:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

Alderman Dan Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- 1. ROLL CALL: MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Alderman Dan Reilly, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Christy Hanlin, Alderman Zeke Hobbie (all participating electronically)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Participating in person at City Hall:

Mayor John Rickard
City Clerk Caryn Huber
Police Chief Todd Murray

Participating electronically:

Attorney Aaron Szeto
Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski
Attorney Kim Krahenbuhl
Director of Economic Development Larry Hewitt
Alderman Todd Isaacs
Alderman Emily Gerdes

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

- 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 – Alderman Hobbie motioned to approve, as presented, the Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020. Seconded by Alderman Reilly. Roll call vote: Reilly, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

- 4. UTVs ON PUBLIC ROADS–** Director Larry Hewitt reported that the mayor has received a petition from a local couple asking to allow the use of UTVs on public roads. Rochelle has recently allowed this, and other communities are following suit. Discussion followed and included the following: access roads to city, particularly from outer subdivisions; river crossing; safety; age limit to drive; speed, etc. The committee agreed they would like to continue discussions, and perhaps schedule a public hearing when COVID-19 restrictions ease. In the meantime, Larry will speak with the county, township and state, as we would need their approval on certain roads in and out of the city. Alderman Reilly motioned to table this topic until the January meeting, and reopen discussion then. Motion seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: **Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Reilly, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

5. **POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL** – Chief Murray reported that new officer Michael Parlapiano is currently in training, however, the training facility closed temporarily due to COVID. Hands on training was done early, and he can continue the course with zoom classes. He is still on schedule for a January graduation
6. **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET** – Chief Murray reported that the department is on track with the budget, and they continue to track COVID expenses for reimbursement through the CURE program.
7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY AND UPDATE** – Chief Murray reported that October activity is down slightly from last year. Administrative tows are the same as last year at this time.
8. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Clerk Huber reported social media posts are generating “likes”, particularly those that feature the Police and Public Works departments. Chief Murray added that downtown Christmas decorations will be going up this weekend and next.
9. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Reilly stated there is no need for Executive Session and motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: **Hanlin, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Reilly, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

Alderman Reilly adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn A. Huber, City Clerk of Byron, Illinois