

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 6:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

In Alderman Hobbie's absence, Alderman Hanlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Christy Hanlin, Alderman Cheryl Metz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Zeke Hobbie

OTHERS PRESENT: Alderman Emily Gerdes, Mayor John Rickard, Clerk Caryn Huber, Police Chief Todd Murray, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Bill Pirnat, Byron Fire Chief Phil DeMik

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MAY 18, 2022 – Alderman Metz motioned to approve, as presented, the May 18, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Metz, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

- 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2022 –Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve, as presented, the March 16, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Metz, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

Chief Murray asked to move discussion of the Intergovernmental Agreement prior to item #5, since Chief DeMik was in attendance. Chief DeMik discussed the proposed intergovernmental agreement between the city and the Fire Department. The Fire Department would conduct routine inspections on behalf of the city. This would apply to multi-family units, commercial buildings, and places of public assembly. The city then has the authority to enforce fire code. Single family homes could be inspected upon request. Attorney Szeto stated that the agreement lists the 2015 International Fire Code and the 2015 NFPA Life Safety Code, which the city will need to adopt. He will draft an ordinance for review at the June meetings. Alderman Metz asked if businesses will be charged for the inspections. Chief DeMik stated that they do not currently charge for inspections, however, if there are new construction plans under review, a charge may be considered. Attorney Szeto will add that the Fire Department will determine fees since they are expending manpower. Alderman Hanlin asked that businesses be informed if they will be charged. Chief DeMik will work with the Chamber to accomplish this. **Alderman Hanlin motioned to recommend council approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Fire Department. Motion seconded by Alderman Metz. Roll call vote: Metz, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

5. **SQUAD CARS** – Two squad cars have been delivered. They will replace a 10 year old car with 90,000 miles, and a 9 year old car with 78,000 miles. They still need to be outfitted (pending delivery of new equipment). Some equipment will be recycled from current vehicles. A third squad car should be available soon.
6. **CROSSING GUARD SALARY** – Chief Murray and Alderman Isaacs discussed the crossing guard salary months ago but no action was taken. At that time, it was hoped that the school would take over the crossing guard program, as they have more staff to cover the shifts. The crossing guards currently make \$20/day. Their last raise was 5-6 years ago from \$18/day. Chief will speak with Alderman Isaacs again.
7. **UTV ORDINANCE** – Chief Murray reported that 75 UTV stickers have been issued. He ordered an additional 100 stickers. Renewal stickers will be a small square to be placed where the tiger paw is on the sticker. Mayor Rickard reported that Park District Executive Director Paul Zepezauer asked to allow UTVs in public park parking lots. As currently written, UTVs are not allowed on Park District or School District property. Aldermen Metz stated that the reason the restriction is in our ordinance is because they requested it. She sees no problem reversing this at their request. Attorney Szeto said that if they get approval from the Park District board, and submit to us in writing, we will consider the change.
8. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-BYRON FIRE/CITY OF BYRON** – Discussed earlier in the agenda.
9. **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**– No report.
10. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE** – Chief Murray reported that Officer Curtis is two weeks into his 14 week training. Officer Woolbright is doing well in Field Training and new hire Amy King has been training with Michele Wills. Michele has also been handling an IMRF audit and payroll switch over. • Attorney Szeto and Chief Murray are strategizing how to deal with a house on 2nd St. and Peru. The owner passed away, the family doesn't want anything to do with it, and it is owned by a bank in New York City that has not taken any foreclosure action yet. Three or four years of taxes have been bought, however, the purchaser is not entitled to the property yet. They are trying to find the owners, which may still be the estate. The city may do some clean up (mowing and trimming) and put a lien on the property. • Mayor Rickard discussed “no mow May” and the chance that participating homeowners will likely exceed the grass height limit. Since it is already the middle of May, Council may need to discuss for next year.
11. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Clerk Huber reported that plans to feature “summer” ordinances (grass height, swimming pools) are planned.
12. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Gyorkos motioned to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Metz, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. Alderman Hanlin adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm. The next regular Public Safety Committee meeting is July 20, 2022.

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