

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Public Protection and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman DeCoster on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:50 P.M.

Members present: Antoine, DeCoster, Kilgas, Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Ald. Coenen, Ald. Eggleston, Ald. Moore, Ald. Schell, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Attorney Davidson, Fire Chief Carrel, HR Dir. Swaney, Com. Enrich. Serv. Dir. Vosters, Grignon Mansion Dir. Mickelson, and interested citizens.

### **1. Correspondence - None.**

### **2. Discussion Topics.**

#### **a. Pedestrian and School Zone Safety Efforts Discussion/Update.**

- b. DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated several calls have been received on pedestrian and school zone safety, therefore he wanted to update the Public Protection and Safety Committee on what the City does to help create a safer environment. Some of the things being done are having the Street Superintendent, Street Foreman and himself attend a highway safety program from the Department of Transportation. Staff members are currently doing a school zone signage and equipment inventory and making updates to signs and crossings to meet current standards. Staff have reached out to KASD and Kobussen Bus Safety Manager regarding safety concerns on walking routes and bus routes for possible improvements. Staff has been working with consultants and other government agencies on completing studies and looking at possible improvements. This Council has been a strong proponent for rehabilitation and installation of sidewalks to provide safer walking and biking. Staff will be putting together social media posts and get word out to drivers about creating a safer place for bikers and walkers. The important message for both drivers and pedestrians is to slow down and pay attention. Discussion held and questions answered.

#### **c. Equipment Sharing Agreement - Fire Department.**

The Fox Valley, as well as our community, have seen much growth in recent years. With this comes challenges to fire departments to provide the services that our citizens expect and deserve. There may be an opportunity to share some fire department services regionally. This could include non-response services, such as training, data collection, and fleet maintenance. It may also include high risk, low frequency responses such as high angle, confined space, and collapse rescues. Five area fire department chiefs (Oshkosh, Neenah-Menasha, Grand Chute, Appleton, and Kaukauna) have discussed and agreed that the idea is worth exploring. The Wisconsin Policy Forum has agreed to perform this study to determine the pros and cons.

### **3. Adjourn.**

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Sally Kenney

Clerk