

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 1, 2016

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All members were present.

Also present were Village President Randy Littel, Trustee Brenda Monroe, Village Clerk Alyssa Gross, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, Police Chief Jeff Velloff, and Village Administrator Nic Owen.

MINUTES:

Grindle moved, McNall seconded to approve the minutes from May 31, 2016. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSIDER ALCOHOL LICENSING PROCEDURE:

Attorney Kleinmaier gave an overview of the alcohol server licensing law. He advised that the village cannot be held liable for conduct of operator's licensees. He mentioned that an applicant must be at least 18 years of age, not be convicted of an unpardoned felony, not have a conviction for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance. Discretion can be exercised by the village when considering other pending charges and convictions substantially related to the licensed activity. Trustee Monroe raised a question about an OWI first offender and service to underage persons. Kleinmaier said that a person convicted of a first offense OWI or one conviction of service to an underage person could not be denied a license based on state statutes. Andy Fiene (Premier Coop) questioned the length of time to be considered between convictions. Kleinmaier advised that would be something the village would have to determine.

Rooney and Scott discussed the background screening process for applicants.

The committee directed Administrator Owen to work with Attorney Kleinmaier to come up with a preliminary code amendment and guidelines for licensee approval and denial.

CONSIDER MISUSE OF 911 ORDINANCE:

Firefighter/EMT Keith Johnson detailed an ongoing issue with a resident calling 911 for EMS transports where there is not an emergency. EMS has transported the subject to Madison hospitals 75 times within two years. On occasions, the subject has admitted that they did not have the emergency situation originally reported to the 911 center, but they just wanted a ride to Madison. Velloff advised that the subject has called the police department numerous times in the past asking for a ride to Madison also. Johnson advised that he has contacted social service agencies and the Madison Fire Department for input on this concern. Velloff and

Johnson stated that they encourage people to call 911 when services are needed and this ordinance would rarely be used except in extreme cases of clear abuse of resources.

McNall moved, Scott seconded, to recommend the ordinance to the village board. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Veloff briefed the committee on some recent events occurring in the village.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for August 29th at 5:00pm.

Items for the agenda include;

Consider alcohol licensing procedure

Consider a handicapped parking stall in front of 204 W. Main St.

Consider street crossing at Springdale and 8th St.

ADJOURN:

Grindle moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Veloff, Chief of Police