

Public Safety Committee- Minutes

Meeting Date: September 19, 2019
Location: City Hall
Call to Order: Chairman Harrison
Order: 5:30 PM

Meeting
Time Called to

Attendance: Chairman Harrison, Councilman Collier, Councilman Newport, Administrator Short, Chief Williams, Chief Dagnan.

Citizen/Other: Morgan Housh, Mr. Bonilla, Matt Duvall, Todd Ericsson, Mark Elliff, Trisha Swoveland, Abi Almandinger, Ceri Otero.

Old Business

Councilman Newport made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

Citizen Participation:

1. Mr. Bonilla spoke to the committee about the traffic that speeds down the road in front of the Iglesia Cristiana Hispanoamericana Church at 122 Grant. The Church holds services there on Saturdays from 5pm to 9pm and Sundays from 9am to 1pm. The Church members walk back and forth from the Church to 137 Grant which is across the street. Mr. Bonilla is asking for signs to be placed by the Church. Chief Dagnan mentioned that they could not put up signs without a crosswalk. In order to put a crosswalk in it would have to be ADA approved. Chief Dagnan said that a study would have to be done to determine the number of pedestrians who cross and see if it warrants a cross walk or not. The cost of a crosswalk would have to be determined as well. No motion was taken.

2. Mark Elliff and Trisha Swoveland spoke with the committee on street closures for Music in the Park, Music Under the Maples, on Saturday, October 12th. They are asking for the same road closures as Food Truck Friday. (7th & Lyon). The street closures would be from 2pm till 11pm. Councilman Collier made a motion to allow road closures from 2pm to 11pm on October 12, 2019 for the Music in the Park event. Motion passed.

3. Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on behalf of Sargent Barrett about road closures for the Sheriff's Nightout event. This event is to raise money for the Shop with a Cop Program. The event will be held on October 11, 2019. They are asking to have the roadway on the south side of the Courthouse and the two side street entrances closed from 4pm to 10pm. Councilman Newport made a motion to approve the road closures on October 11th from 6pm to 9pm pending the proper insurance. Motion passed.

4. Todd Ericsson and Matt Duvall came out and spoke with the committee on the dangers in front of Butterball. Currently Butterball is set up with two crosswalks in front of their building where employees walk across the street to the parking lot. They have had two employees hurt while crossing these cross walks by being hit by moving traffic. They are suggesting that they remove the existing cross walks and put one in a more centralized crosswalk, a pedestrian

crossing sign in the middle of the road for better visibility, add a speed gun to display speeds, and also add a speed hump on both sides of the centralized crosswalk to slow down traffic entering and leaving the parking lot. Butterball is asking the City to help with the changes and they will fund it. The committee discussed the changes and how action needs to be taken. Chief Dagnan will be speaking with Zeb Carney at the Streets Department on what the city rules, standards, and requirements are for the changes. Councilman Newport made a motion for Dagnan to speak with Streets Department on the requirements and bring to full council.

5. Councilman Collier spoke with the committee about the parking on the Square. There are citizens and Merchant owners who are upset about the current policy. The committee discussed a few options. After a lengthy discussion, the committee agreed to look into a few options and bring back to committee. No motion was taken.

6. Margerat Stills was not able to make the meeting however, Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on the concerns that she had. Mrs. Stills is concerned with the speeds of vehicles on 15th and James. Chief Dagnan mentioned that she would like a stop sign put in. This would be a 2-way or 3-way sign at this location. Chief will be having the Police Department do a data study on this location. No motion was taken.

New Business

1. Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee about putting a school zone on Fairview in front of Fairview School. There are only two schools that do not already have a school zone and both of these schools are on Fairview. The committee agreed that a school zone needs to be put in. Chief will be getting with Zeb Carney at Streets Department to get a formal plan and number and get back with the committee. No motion was taken.

2. Chief Williams spoke briefly with the committee on Station 2 and upcoming Bids.

Adjournment

Councilman Collier made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2019

Next Meeting Location: Carthage City Hall- Upstairs Conference Room