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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

5:00 PM

Lower Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes
Action requested: review and approve
 - a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 14, 2023 5:00 PM
- 3) Discussion
 - a. False Alarm Waiver Request for 1408 W. Mequon Rd.
 - b. False Alarm Waiver Request for 8905 W. Highlander Dr.
- 4) Adjourn

Dated: March 14, 2023

/s/ Kathleen Schneider, Chair

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at 262-236-2914, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

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Minutes

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Chair Kathleen Schneider

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Mark Gierl

Also Present: City Attorney Sajdak, Fire Chief Bialk, Deputy Fire Chief Zellmann, Administrative Coordinator Bowen, and interested public.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Dec 13, 2022 5:00 PM

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

3) Discussion

- a. Burning Ordinance Discussion

The Public Safety Committee discussed the burning ordinance related to a burning complaint which had been received. Deputy Fire Chief Zellmann advised that he had responded to the residence in question, found no signs of illegal burning, and confirmed the resident had a valid burn permit on file. The resident moved the burn pile further to the west and no complaints had been received afterwards. It was recommended that the complaint contact the Police Department if there are burning violations in the future.

4) Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 14, 2023 5:00 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)

AYES: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 14, 2023 5:00 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)



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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Melina Bowen,
DATE: February 22, 2023
SUBJECT: False Alarm Waiver Request for 1408 W. Mequon Rd.

Background

On 01/18/2023, at 11:59PM, Ozaukee County Dispatch received a call from an alarm company advising of an alarm at 1408 W. Mequon Road. The alarm was reported to be coming from the 'back door.' Officers Gradinjan and McCanna were dispatched to investigate the alarm. Officers arrived at the business at 12:01AM (01/19/23). The alarm company advised they attempted to contact the keyholder but did not receive an answer, so they left a message for them.

Officers checked the business and found all doors secured and no evidence of a crime or emergency. The Officers reported they did not make contact with the keyholder so they could not determine a cause for the alarm. This was the first alarm for this year, so no alarm fee bill was sent.

On 01/25/2023, at 4:04AM, Ozaukee County Dispatch received a call from an alarm company advising of an alarm at 1408 W. Mequon Road. The alarm was reported to be coming from the 'back door.' Officers Gradinjan and McCanna were dispatched to investigate the alarm. Officers arrived at the business at 4:04AM. The alarm company advised they were not able to contact a keyholder.

Officers checked the business and found all doors secured and no evidence of a crime or emergency. No keyholder responded so the offices could not determine a cause for the alarm.

On 01/27/2023, the notification of a second alarm was sent advising of the second alarm in 2023 and the fee involved.

The business owner, Brendan Locke, contacted the Police Department and requested the alarm fee to be waived. A copy of this request is attached to this memo.

In 2021 the Police Department responded to 468 False Alarms. 20 of those False Alarms were weather related.

Analysis

Mequon City Ordinance Section 26-42 defines an 'Alarm System' as any mechanical or electrical equipment designed to signal the occurrence of a fire, burglary or robbery or other crime or emergency, requiring immediate fire or police department notification, including local alarms which are audible or visible upon the exterior of a structure. It further defines a 'false alarm' as an alarm notification summoning the fire or police department to the location of an activation, when the responding personnel find no evidence of a crime, an emergency or fire. 'False alarm' does not include alarms caused by tornadoes or other acts of nature.

Ordinance Section 26-44 establishes a fee for answering alarms. A false alarm requires response from public safety personnel, creating unnecessary expense to the city, risk of injury to persons or damage to property, and a public nuisance. Any person, business, corporation, or other entity having an alarm system in accordance with this section shall pay to the City of Mequon a fee for false alarms responded to by the police department or the fire department. The fees shall be established from time to time by the common council. The common council may exempt one or more false alarms in a calendar year from the fee and may provide for increasing fees per occurrence for multiple false alarms in a calendar year.

The current fee schedule established and approved by common council is as follows; First Alarm -No Fee, Second Alarm -\$200.00, Third Alarm -\$300.00, and Forth and Subsequent Alarms - \$400.00.

Fiscal Impact

Second False Alarm \$200.00

Recommendation

There was no indication on the alarms that they were not false alarms. Staff therefore recommends denying the waiver request.

Attachments:

1408 W Mequon Request for Waiver (PDF)

From: Brendan Locke <blocke@golftec.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:04 AM
To: Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us>
Cc: Jacob Babcock <jbabcock@golftec.com>
Subject: GOLFTEC Mequon Alarm dispute
Importance: High

Melina,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning. Attached you will find the alarm invoice and note that was left on the door. The green note, dated 1/25/23 did not indicate the offense number and at the bottom was checked "no contact needed". I took that as this was considered the first offense and any there after would be charged.

The earlier alarm in January I asked the police to go because we have been broken into before (twice) and have had golf clubs stolen resulting in losses over \$25,000. During that stretch of January we had extremely cold temperatures and the alarm door "contacts" had fallen off of the door. I have since permanently secured them to the door.

I have owned this business in Mequon since 2007 and have never had false alarm offenses so I am asking the committee that oversees this decision to forgive this, this time. In addition I do understand that going forward the expectation is that I understand the ordinances in place.

Also, in speaking with you I understand that with this request the \$200 invoice will be placed on a "hold" until a decision is rendered, meaning I do not need to pay this invoice until the committee has made that decision on whether to forgive this or not. If I am incorrect in this statement please let me know.

Thank you much!



Brendan Locke
Franchise Owner
 2021 Wisconsin PGA Professional Development Award
 2018 WPGA Bill Straughnsbaugh Recipient
 2012 Wisconsin PGA Teacher of The Year
 2013-2014, 2017-2018 Golf Digest Top Teachers in America

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Attachment: 1408 W Mequon Request for Waiver (8203 : False Alarm Waiver Request - 1408 W. Mequon Rd)

MEQUON POLICE DEPT.
11300 N. Buntrock Ave., Mequon, WI 53092
PH: 262-242-3500

Date: 1-25-23 Time: 9am

Call/Case #: 23-2131

An officer was at this location for the following:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Open Door Found | ☐ Code or Ordinance Violations |
| ☒ False Alarm Response | ☐ Welfare Concern |
| ➤ False Alarm Fees: | ☐ False Alarm |
| 1 st = \$0 / No Fee | (Severe Weather – no fee) |
| 2 nd = \$200 | |
| 3 rd = \$300 | |
| 4 th and subsequent = \$400 | |
| (Fees are per calendar year) | |

☐ Other:

Back door Alarm. Building found
Secure.

Officer: M. [Signature] Radio #: 920

☐ CALL IMMEDIATELY

☒ NO NEED TO CONTACT

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Tax ID: 39-600

CUSTOMER	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID	DUE DATE	INVOICE TOTAL
GOLF TEC	02/07/2023	7601	\$0.00	03/09/2023	\$200.00

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	UOM	ORIGINAL BILL	ADJUSTED	PAID	AMOUNT DUE
FALSE ALARM BURGLARY 2ND FALSE ALARM BURGLARY 1/25/2023 4:01AM CASE #23-2131	1.00	\$200.000000	EACH	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

Invoice Total:

\$200.00

INTEREST ON PAST DUE INVOICES ACCRUES AT 1.5% PER MONTH OR ANY PART THEREOF

✂ DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT ✂



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GOLF TEC
1408 W MEQUON RD
MEQUON, WI 53092

Invoice Date

Invoice Number

Customer Number

Amount Paid

Due Date

Invoice Total Due

Please put Invoice Number on y
Make Checks Payable to: City

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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Melina Bowen,
DATE: March 1, 2023
SUBJECT: False Alarm Waiver Request for 8905 W. Highlander Dr.

Background

On 07/28/2022, at 12:58AM, Dispatch received a call from an alarm company advising of an alarm at 8905 W. Highlander Drive. The alarm was reported to be coming from the 'garage door.' Sgt. Schiller and Officer McCanna were dispatched to investigate the alarm. The Officers arrived at the residence at 1:04AM.

Officers found the homeowner, Yemalin Godonou at the residence. Godonou stated that everything was in order, and that his daughter had just come home, setting off the alarm because she did not know the alarm was set. This was the first alarm for the year, so no alarm fee bill was sent.

On 12/12/2022, at 5:38AM, Dispatch received a call from an alarm company advising of an alarm at 8905 W. Highlander Drive. The alarm was reported to be coming from the 'garage door.' Sgt. Glejf and Officer McCanna were dispatched to investigate the alarm. The Officers arrived at the residence at 5:46AM.

Officers found the homeowner, Leah Godonou at the residence. Leah stated that everything was in order and that her husband accidentally set off the alarm, as he just left for the gym.

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Recommendation

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Attachments:

Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander (PDF)

-----Original Message-----

From: Melina Bowen

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:10 PM

To: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee

Good Afternoon Leah,

I have not received any emails from you prior to this. The next Public Safety meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14th, tentatively scheduled for 5:00PM. I will add your request to the agenda and follow up with you next week to confirm the time.

Thank you,

Melina Bowen

Administrative Coordinator

Mequon Police Department

11300 N. Buntrock Avenue

Mequon, WI 53092

262-242-3500-Station

Mbowen@ci.mequon.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 2:17 PM

To: Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us>

Subject: Re: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee

Melina,

Did you receive my previous email requesting to meet with the Public safety committee? I'm curious when the next meeting will be?

Leah Godonou

> On Feb 20, 2023, at 9:49 AM, Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Melina,

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> I just spoke to you about the false alarm invoice I received in the mail. I'm hoping that you can schedule me for a meeting with the common counsel so that I can dispute this charge.

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> Please note that I mistakenly missed the meeting I'm on February 14th. If you could let me know when the next meeting is scheduled for I would appreciate it.

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> Leah Godonou

> 8905 W Highlander Dr

> Mequon Wi

> 53097

> 414-405-4137

Attachment: Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander (8221 : False Alarm Waiver Request - 8905 W. Highlander Dr.)