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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 11, 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 - Mar 14, 2023 5:00 PM
- 3) Discussion
 - a. False Alarm Waiver Request - 8905 W. Highlander Dr.
- 4) Adjourn

Dated: April 11, 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.

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Minutes

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Chair Kathleen Schneider

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Mark Gierl

Also Present: Police Chief Pryor, Administrative Coordinator Melina Bowen, and Brendan Locke.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 14, 2023 5:00 PM

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

3) Discussion

- a. False Alarm Waiver Request for 1408 W. Mequon Rd.

Brendan Locke, owner of Golftec, requested that the Committee waive the false alarm fee. The Committee determined the cause of the alarms to be false and denied Locke's request to have the fees waived. Locke requested that notification be sent when the first false alarm is received. The request was denied unanimously by voice acclamation.

RESULT: **Denied [0 to 3]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Schneider

NAYS: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

- b. False Alarm Waiver Request for 8905 W. Highlander Dr.

Leah Godonou, owner of 8905 W. Highlander Dr., requested via email that the Committee waive the false alarm fee. The Committee determined the cause of the alarms to be false and denied Gononou's request to have the fee waived. The request was denied unanimously by voice acclamation.

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

RESULT: Denied [0 to 3]
MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

NAYS: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

4) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 PM.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Alderman Gierl
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

AYES: Schneider, Bushee, Gierl

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen

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



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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: March 29, 2023
SUBJECT: False Alarm Waiver Request - 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.

On 12/19/2022, the notification of a second alarm was sent advising of the second alarm in 2022 and the fee involved.

The homeowner, Leah Godonou, contacted the Police Department and requested the alarm fee to be waived. A copy of this request is attached to this memo.

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

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:

Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander-2 (PDF)

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

From: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>
 Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 12:28 PM
 To: Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us>
 Subject: Re: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee

Thanks Melina!
 Please let me know when the next meeting will be once you know.

Leah Godonou

> On Mar 17, 2023, at 11:22 AM, Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us> wrote:
 >
 > Leah,
 >
 > Thank you for your patience. After checking to see if this was a possibility, we will be able to
 reschedule your request. I am unsure as to when the next meeting will be held, so I will contact you
 again when there is further information.
 >
 > Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
 >
 > Thank you,
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 > Melina Bowen
 > Administrative Coordinator
 > Mequon Police Department
 > 11300 N. Buntrock Avenue
 > Mequon, WI 53092
 > 262-242-3500-Station
 > Mbowen@ci.mequon.wi.us
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 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>
 > Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 11:16 AM
 > To: Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us>
 > Subject: Re: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee
 >
 > Melina,
 >
 > I wasn't able to attend the meeting because I was vomiting. I would really appreciate having the
 opportunity to meet with the committee.
 > What info was given on my behalf. I doubt it included all the information that I planned to share.
 >
 > Leah Godonou
 >
 >> On Mar 16, 2023, at 10:56 AM, Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us> wrote:
 >>
 >> Leah,

Attachment: Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander-2 (8309 : False Alarm Waiver Request - 8905 W. Highlander Dr.)

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>> Your false alarm waiver request was addressed at the Public Safety Meeting on Tuesday. The committee reviewed your waiver request based on the information they had from the police calls and your email correspondence. They denied your request to waive the false alarm fee. You will be receiving official notification in the mail.

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>> Melina Bowen
 >> Administrative Coordinator
 >> Mequon Police Department
 >> 11300 N. Buntrock Avenue
 >> Mequon, WI 53092
 >> 262-242-3500-Station
 >> Mbowen@ci.mequon.wi.us

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>
 >> Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:13 PM
 >> To: Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us>
 >> Subject: Re: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee

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>> Melina,

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>> Sorry for the late notice but I won't make the meeting tonight and hope I am able to reschedule. I just got very ill about an hour ago and don't want to come and get anyone else sick.

>> Please let me know if I am able to reschedule.

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>> Thanks,

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>> Leah Godonou

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>>>> On Mar 8, 2023, at 9:49 AM, Melina Bowen <MBowen@ci.mequon.wi.us> wrote:

>>>

>>> Good Morning Leah,

>>>

>>> The Public Safety Meeting time has been changed to 5:00PM on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023.

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>>> Thank you,

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>>> Melina Bowen
 >>> Administrative Coordinator
 >>> Mequon Police Department
 >>> 11300 N. Buntrock Avenue
 >>> Mequon, WI 53092
 >>> 262-242-3500-Station
 >>> Mbowen@ci.mequon.wi.us

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>>> -----Original Message-----

Attachment: Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander-2 (8309 : False Alarm Waiver Request - 8905 W. Highlander Dr.)

>>> From: Melina Bowen
>>> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:36 PM
>>> To: Leah Godonou <macdole1980@gmail.com>
>>> Subject: RE: Request to meet with the Public Safety committee
>>>
>>> Good Afternoon Leah,
>>>
>>> The Public Safety Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 5:15PM in the Lower Level conference room at City Hall 11333 N. Cedarburg Rd. Mequon, WI 53092. Your false alarm waiver request has been placed on the agenda. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
>>>
>>> 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
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>>> -----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
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>>> 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,
>>>>
>>>> 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

Attachment: Waiver Request 8905 W Highlander-2 (8309 : False Alarm Waiver Request - 8905 W. Highlander Dr.)

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>>>> 414-405-4137
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