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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

5:30 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 Minutes June 8, 2021

b. Public Safety Committee Minutes July 13, 2021

3) Resolutions

Action requested: review and recommend approval

a. A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donations from the Mequon Community Foundation for the Purchase of Police Bicycles and the Associated Equipment for the Bicycle Patrol Program.

4) Discussion

a. False Alarm Waiver Request – W. Dunhill Dr.

5) Information Items

a. Future Meeting Topics

6) Adjourn

Dated: August 10, 2021

/s/ Andrew Nerbun, 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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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1) Call to Order

Present:

Chair Andrew Nerbun
Alderman Mark Gierl
Alderman Dale Mayr

Also Present: Police Chief Pryor, City Attorney Sajdak, and Administrative Coordinator Melina Bowen.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting – May 11, 2021 5:00 PM

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Gierl, Mayr, Nerbun

3) Ordinance Discussion

Action requested: review and recommend approval

a. **ORDINANCE 2021-1592** An Ordinance Amending Section 50-100 of the Mequon Municipal Code Relating to Sex Offender Residency Restrictions and Child Safety Zones

The Committee discussed two options for the Review Board in relation to the sex offender residency ordinance updated by City Attorney Sajdak following the May meeting.

Review Board options are as follows:

- Residency appeals to be sent to the Board of Appeals.
- Create an ad hoc committee any time that an appeal is presented.

A motion to create an ad hoc committee as needed when appeals are received was made by Alderman Mayr and seconded by Alderman Gierl.

Attachment: 2021, 6-8 updated (6463 : Public Safety Minutes June 8 and July 13, 2021)

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

AYES: Mayr, Gierl, Nerbun

City Attorney addressed changes correcting capitalization and removing a sentence (first sentence of section A-6) as suggested by the Mayor. A motion to make these amendments was made by Alderman Gierl, and seconded by Alderman Mayr.

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

AYES: Gierl, Mayr, Nerbun

The timeframe for the ad hoc committee to be appointed was amended to 30 days from 14. The motion was made by Alderman Mayr and seconded by Alderman Gierl.

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

AYES: Mary, Gierl, Nerbun

A motion to recommend the version of Ordinance 2021-1592 with the ad hoc committee, as amended to recommend to Common Council was approved by unanimous vote.

AYES: Mayr, Gierl, Nerbun

4) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.

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

AYES: Gierl, Nerbun, Mayr

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen
Administrative Coordinator



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting
Minutes

The July 13, 2021 meeting of the Public Safety Committee was unable to be held due to technological issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen

Attachment: 2021, 7-13 (6470 : Public Safety Minutes July 13, 2021)



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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: July 28, 2021
SUBJECT: (ID # 6464) A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donations from the Mequon Community Foundation for the Purchase of Police Bicycles and the Associated Equipment for the Bicycle Patrol Program.

Background:

The Mequon Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization located in the City of Mequon that provides grants to the City's various institutions, facilities, and services, has approached the City with an offer to fund the equipment needed for the Police Department Bicycle Patrol Program. The current amount of funds to be donated will allow the Police Department the ability to purchase two pedal assist bicycles and all of the necessary safety equipment needed for support of the program.

Analysis:

The proposed donation would cover the entire cost of the two pedal assist bicycles, the lighting equipment needed, and the safety equipment needed to completely setup the two bicycles as police bicycles. The total cost for this project is \$7069.37.

The Police Department has had a Bicycle Patrol Unit since about 2004. At that time, there were five officers assigned to it. The unit was active until about 2012. By then, the unit had essentially lost all the assigned officers due to retirements or promotions. The unit has been dormant since then due to the staffing challenges that the department faced over the past decade. As the department now has improved staffing, it is working to reinstitute the Bicycle Patrol Unit.

Previously, the bicycle patrol area had primarily been assigned to the Interurban Trail and park/nature preserve areas. It had also historically been deployed in neighborhoods or subdivisions that were experiencing an uptick in problems (such as damage to property or thefts). As we redeploy the units, a new patrol area design has been created. In addition to the Interurban Trail, the Port Washington Road corridor and the park areas, bicycle officers will also patrol the Spur 16 developments, Towne Center developments, parking areas, and surrounding Mequon neighborhoods located within the center of the city. The goal is to deploy the bicycle officers in high pedestrian and cyclist traffic areas in order to increase visibility and positive contacts.

If this donation is accepted the Department will move forward with the revitalization of the Bicycle Patrol Program. The Department has been working with the new Bicycle shop, Trailside Recreation, located on Weston Drive. The owner of this company has provided the department

with a very competitive price for the two bicycles and to completely outfit these two bicycles with all the necessary equipment. The bid information is attached to this resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

All funds used for this equipment purchase will come from the donations.

Recommendation:

A recommendation is forthcoming from the Public Safety Committee on August 10, 2021.

Attachments:

Trailside Recreation Invoice (PDF)

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donations from the Mequon Community Foundation for the Purchase of Police Bicycles and the Associated Equipment for the Bicycle Patrol Program.

- A. The City of Mequon Police Department provides 24-hour police services 365 days per year.
- B. The Mequon Community Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Mequon that provides grants to the City's various institutions, facilities and services has offered to sponsor the purchase of two bicycles and associated equipment.
- C. The total cost to purchase the bicycles and equipment is \$7,069.37 from Trailside Recreation, 11090 N. Weston Dr, Suite 3, Mequon, WI 53092.
- D. The total value of this donation will exceed \$5,000.00 and therefore requires approval by the Common Council.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, that

1. The police department is authorized and directed to accept the donation for the cost of two bicycles and associated equipment for the Bicycle Patrol Program from the Mequon Community Foundation.

2. Staff is further authorized to purchase the bicycles from Trailside Recreation utilizing the funds from the donation.

Approved by: John Wirth, Mayor

Date Approved: August 10, 2021

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on August 10, 2021.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk

Invoice

Invoice **Issue Date**
Invoice 1 July 14, 2021

Supplier

Trailside Recreation
11090 N Weston Dr STE 3
Suite 3
Mequon
53092

✉ Swolf@trailsiderecreation.com
☎ 262-236-9719

Payment Terms

Net 30

Item	Unit Price	Qty.	Total
BULLS STURMVOGEL EVO STREET - 51CM (LG) / PLATINUM SKU: 787-407	USD 2,499.00	2	USD 4,998.00
Giro Register MIPS Helmet - Universal / Black SKU: 7089185	USD 59.95	6	USD 359.70
Hollywood Sport Rider for Electric Bikes - Default Title SKU: 399127	USD 499.95	1	USD 499.95
Ergon GP3-S STANDARD MTB/HYBRID HANDLEBAR GRIPS - Default Title SKU: 326310	USD 30.99	2	USD 61.98
Mirrycle Mountain Handlebar Mirror - Def- ault Title SKU: MI3002	USD 16.99	2	USD 33.98
Delta XL Smartphone Phone Holder - Default Title SKU: EC9024	USD 27.99	2	USD 55.98
TA2029B EXPLORER REAR RACK W/S- PRING BLACK × 2 SKU: NA	USD 39.99	2	USD 79.98
TT9616B-POL MTX EXP-TRUNKBAG W- /POLICE LOGO BLACK × 2 SKU: NA	USD 79.99	2	USD 159.98
Custom Decals- Bike SKU:	USD 19.99	4	USD 79.96

Attachment: Trailside Recreation Invoice (6464 : Acceptance of Donation for Bicycle Patrol)

Custom decals- Helmet SKU:	USD 9.99	12	USD 119.88
MaxPatrol 600 Light Set SKU:	USD 309.99	2	USD 619.98

SUBTOTAL	USD 7,069.37
SHIPPING	USD 0.00
TAX	USD 0.00
TOTAL	USD 7,069.37

Total Paid	USD 0.00	Amount Due	USD 7,069.37
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Attachment: Trailside Recreation Invoice (6464 : Acceptance of Donation for Bicycle Patrol)



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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: August 5, 2021
SUBJECT: False Alarm Waiver Request

Background

On February 14, 2021, at 3:51PM, Mequon Police Department received a call from Alarm Grid Alarm Service advising of an alarm at 4547 W. Dunhill Dr. The alarm was reported to be coming from the living room motion detector, and the wrong passcode was given. Officers Bottoni and Koltz were dispatched to investigate the alarm. Officers arrived at the residence at 3:57PM. Officer Bottoni made contact with a resident identified as Hannah Rempel, who advised everything was ok and she had just provided the wrong passcode. Officer Bottoni made phone contact with the homeowner, Helen Rempel, who stated Hannah was ok to be there and she tried to cancel the alarm.

This was the first alarm for this residence in 2021, no alarm fee bill was sent.

On April 20, 2021, at 2:54PM, Mequon Police Department received a call from Alarm Grid Alarm Service advising of an alarm at 4547 W. Dunhill Dr. The alarm was reported as three motion activations, front garage, hall, and family room motion. The alarm company spoke to "Hannah" on the phone who provided the incorrect passcode. Officers Brandemuehl and Glejf were dispatched to investigate the alarm. At 3:02PM, the alarm company called and stated they were able to get in touch with the homeowner who provided the proper passcode. Officers arrived at the residence at 3:07PM. They found the house to be secure and everything appeared to be in order. The officers left a contact memo, with the alarm fee schedule, at the residence.

On April 20, 2021, a letter was sent advising of the second alarm and fee involved in 2021.

On May 1, 2021, at 12:37PM, Mequon Police Department received a call from Alarm Grid Alarm Service advising of an alarm at 4547 W. Dunhill Dr. The alarm was reported to be coming from the master bedroom motion detector and the alarm company was unable to reach a keyholder. Officers Campbell, Schossow and Glejf were dispatched to investigate the alarm. Officers arrived at the residence at 12:47PM. While Officers were at the residence, they checked the exterior and found the house to be secure. At 1:00PM the homeowner arrived on scene and the Officers entered to residence to check further with the homeowner. At this time, the homeowner and officers did not find anything out of order.

On May 8, 2021, a letter was sent advising of the third alarm and fee involved in 2021.

On May 10, 2021, the homeowner, Helen Rempel, contacted the police department referencing the alarm on May 1 and an invoice she received. The invoice she received was actually for the April 20, 2021 alarm. She was advised that she had not received the invoice for the May 1, 2021 alarm yet, but it would be coming. She requested the alarms be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee because the on the May 1 alarm, she stated she found someone "was trying to open

the bedroom window from the outside.” She stated this was therefore not a false alarm. Her email request is attached.

The officers had checked the exterior of the residence that day, May 1, and did not find any evidence of tampering and the homeowner never called the department back until she received the invoice.

Analysis

After discussion in the fall of 2019 and during the fee examination process, the Mequon Common Council approved the following false alarm fee schedule which took effect June 10, 2020. The fee schedule is as follows; First Alarm -No Fee, Second Alarm -\$200.00, Third Alarm -\$300.00, and Forth and Subsequent Alarms -\$400.00.

Mequon Police Officers respond to hundreds of false alarms each year consuming a lot of officer time and departmental resources. There are many ways to accidentally set off an alarm (forgot it was activated and opened door, a pet, a balloon, a serviceman, etc.) but nonetheless, the Police Department must treat each one as real until proven otherwise. The vast majority are false, but the Department cannot assume that and be caught off guard or unprepared if it is fact a burglary or other crime in progress. Some people have called and tried to cancel the police response after their alarm company has contacted the Police Department. By then it is too late; the officers are on the way and must determine the validity of the call themselves. It is like a 911 hang-up call. The dispatcher calls the number back and speaks with the caller who hung up. They might report that everything is okay, but the department responds to make sure that no one is forcing them to say that. That is the reality of today’s world and the service level that the Department provides to Mequon residents for the safety of everyone.

Fiscal Impact

Second False Alarm \$200.00

Third False Alarm \$300.00

Recommendation

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

Attachments:

REMPEL (PDF)

Melina Bowen

From: Anatoliy Rempel <aharempel@usa.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Melina Bowen
Subject: Request for public safety committee

Hello,

I am requestiing a hearing of public safety committee. Customer #51680, invoice #6801

I had an alarm on May 1, I received a call from police officer that my front door is open. I came back to the house and officer went with me to make sure nobody is in a house. Everything seem to be in order but when the officer left, I realized somebody was trying to open the bedroom window from outside and this is what tridered an alarm.

This was not a false larm.

Please, let me know when is the next public safety committee.

Thank you

Helen Rempe

414-736-1723

Attachment: REMPEL (6455 : False Alarm Waiver Request)