

CITY OF MARINETTE PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 02/15/21

1. 2nd Ward Alderperson Skorik City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Chairperson, **called the meeting to order** at 05:00 PM in the Marinette City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1905 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI.
2. **Upon a call of the roll** it was determined a quorum of committee members were present and the following attendance was recorded:
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Skorik, Flatt & Oitzinger (via go to meeting), Klegin & Hitt.
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Judge Noppenberg & Fire Chief Heckel, Police Chief Mabry, Alderperson Kowalski, Jim Callow & Dan Kitkowski
3. **Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.**
Alderpersons [Oitzinger](#) moved/[Hitt](#) seconded and all concurred, to approve, as submitted, the City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee [regular](#) meeting minutes from 0/18/21.
4. **Police Department activity report.**
Police Chief Mabry prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Police Department's activity/operations reports for January.
5. **Fire Department activity report.**
Fire Chief Heckel prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Fire Department's activity/operations reports for January. Alderperson Oitzinger asked Chief Heckel to elaborate on the January 28th ZOOM meeting that Chief Heckel attended regarding help with funding for PFAS from the State. Chief Heckel is a member of the WISPAC Commission working towards some steps that could be taken to alleviate some of the problems/concerns with PFAS contamination and has met with the Governor's panel members associated with the budget and have identified some actions items that could be funded in the budget, primarily for the collection and disposal and replacement of Fire Fighting Foam to a PFAS free version. Chief Heckel also met with Senator Eric Wimberger (via Zoom meeting) and feels it was a positive meeting and Wimberger is definitely aware of the problem. Alderperson Oitzinger would like more information and is hoping to bring a resolution to the Common Council in support of the funding from the State of Wisconsin.
6. **Building, Inspection /Assessor's Department activity reports.**
Municipal Building & Zoning Code Inspector Curt Demlow [prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet](#) his building inspection office activity report showing [current and prior year](#) comparative year-to-date data through [January 2021](#) of various permits and inspections completed by the Building Code Inspector's Office.
7. **Municipal Code/Animal Control Enforcement Officer's activity report.**
Municipal Code/Animal Control Enforcement Officer Cherry [prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet](#) her Office's Animal Control activity report showing comparative prior and current year-to-date ([through January 2021](#)) detail of Department calls she received for various stray animals including dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks, deer and other animals along with documented reports of animals biting humans. Officer Cherry also included separate reports listing non-compliant property owners who had the following property issues: unlicensed vehicles stored in yards & illegal outdoor storage of appliances. Alderperson Oitzinger asked Chief Mabry to check into the letter sent to 802 Terrace Ave regarding a refrigerator left on property that was sent back due to non-delivery.
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding the WDNR Wildlife Deer Abatement Grant.**
Chief Mabry informed the committee the grant was applied for and awarded to the City of Marinette and if approved the City would need to match the grant award of \$3,000. Chief stated the process would start with the proper permits from the State and permission from the property owners where it will take place, then a feeding program to bring deer into the area, then two range officers would go out with the goal of about 20 deer. The process will start late summer /early fall and start the shooting process in January. Chief stated the grant is for a 2 -year period of time. Alderperson Hitt moved/ Klegin seconded and all concurred to recommend the Finance and Insurance committee approve the financial commitment in the 2022 budget for the WDNR Wildlife Deer Abatement Grant.
9. **Discussion of mutual aid agreements.**
The committee discussed a few of the Mutual Aid agreements within the Fire Department and how the agreements work and with what municipalities in the area the City has agreement with. Chief Heckel stated in 1991 the City of Marinette went into a mutual aid agreement with Marinette County Fire Departments

and there are no fees charged to the government body responding to the request, but the MMC does allow for private charges for a person being rescued by boat/ Hovercraft. In 2006 an automatic aid agreement with Menominee County was approved with no charges for services. In 2012 the City by a Resolution adopted a mutual aid box alarm system agreement which revamped the 1991 agreement which covers structures fires, water rescue, Hazmat, disasters, life safety events, technical rescues, etc. Chief stated the City Fire Department also has memorandums of understandings (MOU) for EMS response, a MOU with Marinette County Sherriff's Department for the use of their edge watercraft and a MOU with the WI DNR for Wildland Urban Interface Fire Suppression. No action was taken on this agenda item.

9. **Adjournment.** Alderpersons Hitt moved/Klegin seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 5:31PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

(The next regularly scheduled Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee meeting is Monday 3/15/21 @ 05:30 PM, or immediately following the Civic Affairs, Cemetery, Traffic and Lights Committee meeting, whichever is later, within the Common Council Chambers.)

CC: Committee members; Common Council members; Mayor, City Attorney; City Building Code Inspector; Police Chief; Fire Chief; Code Enforcement Officer and Clerks file