

CITY OF MARINETTE PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 8/15/22

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, Klegin, Mikutowski, Wolfe & Flatt
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief LaCombe, Fire Chief Heckel, Mayor Genisot, City Attorney Gagan, Erica Kemp, Jesse Davis, Animal Control Officer Mary Cherry, Alderperson Kowalski, Building Inspector Curt Demlow & Lynette Brosig.
3. **Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.**
Alderpersons Mikutowski moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred, to approve, as submitted, the City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee regular meeting minutes from 7/18/22.
4. **Police Department activity report.**
Police Chief LaCombe prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Police Department's activity/operations reports for July. Chief LaCombe stated there will be a large scale training being held at the old Garfield school on Wednesday and Thursday.
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 July. Chief Heckel gave an update regarding the Airboat with an anticipated delivery date of September. Heckel also reported they filled the Administrative Assistant position that was vacant.
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 July 2022 of various permits and inspections completed by the Building Code Inspector's Office. Inspector Demlow was present to answer any questions the committee may have.
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 July 2022) 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, unsightly debris scattered across yards, failure to provide timely snow shoveling and illegal outdoor storage of appliances. Animal Control Enforcement Officer Cherry was present to answer any questions the committee may have.
8. **Discussion & possible action on establishing a fee schedule for fingerprint services**
Included in today's packet is a memorandum from Police Chief LaCombe stated the Police department currently does not charge a fee for anyone for fingerprinting services. Police Chief LaCombe would like to see the Marinette Police Department transition into a fee and appointment only fingerprinting system. I would recommend that residents and people currently employed within the of the City of Marinette (when needed for work) have no charge and nonresidents be charged \$10.00. LaCombe feels that going to an appointment-only system would be best so the Police department can better staff for this service. Chief has talked with IT and have a system that is ready to be installed for cashless payment and for scheduling appointments. Alderperson Wolfe moved/ Flatt seconded and all concurred to recommend the Common Council approve the recommendations to transition into a fee and appointments system with a \$10.00 fee for nonresidents.
9. **Building Inspector Demlow' s watch list properties update**
Building Inspector Demlow distributed a report that provides updates to watch list properties and was available to answer committee questions. The committee asked Building Inspector Demlow to distribute the watch list report prior to the meeting to review.
10. **Determination Hearing to be held pursuant to Marinette Municipal Code 9.0319 and 9.0320 to determine whether or not a dog located within the City of Marinette is to be classified as a "Dangerous Dog" as defined in Marinette Municipal Code 9.0310-9.0325.**
Attorney Gagan proceeded with the Public Hearing at 5:55 PM, at that time he proceeded with Swearing in the witnesses. Attorney Gagan gave his opening statement, claimed allegations against Erica Kemp and Jesse Davis who own a 7-year-old hound mix (Riley), who on 6/24/22 & 7/8/22 allegedly attacked Sara Picard Taylor and Robert J. Boivin.

Jesse Davis and Erica Kemp, 102 E. Bay Shore St owner of Riley proceeded with their opening Statements. Jesse stated he let the dogs out and did not realize one door was not all the way shut, and because of that Riley was able to get out. Davis stated they have installed a fence and since have gotten Riley spayed and feels this is a horrible situation and feels terrible. Erica stated she is hoping to have the dog trained and has contacted a trainer to help, she believes Riley can change and would like the opportunity to do so. Erica believes if the dog is declared dangerous it will scare everyone and the training will be for nothing.

Attorney Gagan called the witnesses on behalf of the City:

Sara Picard Taylor (via phone) & Robert J. Boivin (via phone), & Animal Control Officer Cherry, gave their testimony and Jesse Davis and Erica Kemp had the opportunity to also cross examine the Witnesses.

Animal Control Officer Mary Cherry, introduced Exhibit #1 the 911 calls and Exhibit #2 pictures of the victim's injuries due to a dog bite.

Attorney Gagan closed the public Hearing at 6:53PM and the committee proceeded with the following determination.

Determinations:

Aldersperson Skorik moved/Flatt seconded and **motion carried** by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays the dog in question (Riley) is a dangerous dog and the committee finds that the dog has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals.

11. **Future Agenda Items**

None requested

12. **Adjournment.** Alderspersons Wolfe moved/Mikutowski seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 7:11 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

(The next regularly scheduled Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee meeting is Monday 9/19/22 @ 05:00 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