

CITY OF HUDSON  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
January 10, 2019

PRESENT: Alderpersons Alms, Hall, and Morrissette.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Geoff Willems, Chief Scott St. Martin, Chief Josh Olson, Lt Jason Muenich, Amy Berg, Mary Evans, Kari Rambo, Kelli Espiritu, Gerald Warnken, Glen & Debra Hartman, Mary Claire Potter, Tom VanPelt, Mike Mroz, and Melanie Herberg.

A copy of the agenda was posted in City Hall lobbies, delivered to the Hudson Star-Observer, and mailed to committee members on January 9, 2019.

Aldersperson Morrissette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2018 MEETING: MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrissette to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HUDSON ROTARY ST CROIX RIVER DUNK IN LAKEFRONT PARK ON FEBRUARY 16, 2019 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.: Kari Rambo stated this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the fundraising event for Hudson Rotary.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to recommend approval. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HALOS OF THE SAINT CROIX VALLEY 5K RUN/WALK ON AUGUST 3, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M. IN LAKEFRONT PARK: Kelli Espiritu stated they will notify residents of First Street of the street closure at the beginning of the event.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to recommend approval. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TURNING POINT HALF-MARATHON ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 BEGINNING AT WEITKAMP PARK AT 7:30 A.M.: Amy Berg stated the event will begin in Hudson and end in the Town of Clifton.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to recommend approval. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STOP SIGN ON TWELFTH STREET AT FILLMORE STREET: Gerald Warnken stated that people don't stop. Morrissette inquired whether there were accidents. Willems stated there were not and felt it was more of an enforcement issue. Willems asked if it was any specific time or direction that was worse. Warnken stated it was all times, but seemed to be worse for northbound traffic.

Morrissette asked Willems to monitor the intersection and that the issue be addressed at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HUDSON ROTARY TASTE OF HUDSON EVENT IN LAKEFRONT PARK ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 5:00 – 9:00

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P.M.: Mary Evans and Tom VanPelt stated the event would feature local restaurants and beer, wine and spirit producers with about 37 booths. The area will be fenced with two entrance/exit locations with security and tickets managed by Rotary volunteers. Chief St. Martin stated if food would be prepared on-site, they would need an inspection. Evans stated food will be brought in.

MOTION by Alms, SECOND by Hall to recommend approval contingent upon a decision on selling spirits and that a fire inspection is performed for any cooking on site. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief St. Martin stated that there was an architectural rendition of the fire station available to view and left the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESTRICT PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SAINT CROIX STREET BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD STREET: Willems stated that a resident requested the parking restriction due to the limited visibility emerging from the alley. Alms asked if the curb could be painted. Mroz stated they could add it to the spring schedule. Willems pointed out the overgrown vegetation. Morrissette asked that the issue be addressed at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VINE STREET AT WISCONSIN STREET INTERSECTION: Mike Mroz stated that a traffic study recommended signals for pedestrian safety. Vine Street is being redone next summer, so this intersection could be worked to include turn lanes, conduit, and/or median for pedestrian safety devices in the future rather than retrofit them later.

MOTION by Alms, SECOND by Hall to forward the issue to Finance. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL JULY 27, 2019 ON FIRST STREET BETWEEN WALNUT STREET AND VINE STREET 12:00 – 10:00 P.M.: Tom Broich of Forward Events, LLC stated the organization has been around for seven years and organize food truck events throughout the metro. He anticipates about 40 trucks for a free, family friendly event. Each truck vendor charges for their own product. Morrissette asked what the city would gain from such an event. Broich stated that these events bring in visitors who may never have been here. Morrissette stated that Municipal Code does not allow sales on public streets. There are also concerns about blocking downtown streets as well as parking. He also felt that such an event would take business away from downtown restaurants. Broich stated that Anoka's ordinance also didn't allow for vendors on city streets, but made an exception for the event and were pleased with the turnout. Alms questioned whether any licensing was required to vend food across state lines. Broich stated they have protocols in place. Alms asked whether the event was a fundraiser for a non-profit. Broich stated that it wasn't, but the MN Food Truck Association has partnered with Feed My Starving Children.

Chamber of Commerce President Mary Claire Potter expressed concerns with safety. She also stated that there are only 12 Saturdays in summer, which are the top money makers for

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downtown businesses. Also, the Phipps has events that weekend and she felt parking would be problematic.

Mike Mroz stated his staff had communicated with Anoka and they raved about the event after expressing many of the same concerns.

The Committee stated they were open to the idea, but felt there could be a better time & place.

MOTION by Alms, SECOND by Morrissette to deny the request based on the venue and date. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMS FACILITIES AT 2001 WARD AVENUE: Alms stated that the EMS Commission had met and felt more bids were needed. Olson stated he didn't think Five Bugles would be able to use local construction companies and felt more quotes were in order.

MOTION by Alms, SECOND by Hall to recommend Olson work with Finance Officer Malenowski and City Attorney Munkittrick on obtaining additional quotes. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

DRUG INVESTIGOR REPORT: Willems presented the 2018 report and noted that the Investigations Division was short one investigator most of the year. Morrissette suggested they revisit more visibility and engagement in the community.

FUTURE OF THE HUDSON DIVE TEAM: Olson stated he'd like to see the team remain a city entity. Glen Hartman stated that the team was comprised of volunteers. In determining which department would oversee the team, the city needed to decide whether the focus would be on rescue or recovery. He stated that finance would also need to be involved to determine budget impact & training. The Committee agreed that the City should keep the team and asked Hartman to work with Finance Director Malenowski to determine budgetary needs.

EMS/FIRE DEPARTMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Willems stated that the department was short four officers. Background checks are being conducted on four candidates.

OTHER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Alms to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Minutes by Melanie Herberg.