

Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

**Common Council Chambers  
31 South Madison Street**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Montgomery.
2. Roll Call. Members present: James Montgomery, Cheryl Fuchs, Matt Brown. Others present: City Administrator Ian Rigg, Police Chief Scott McElroy, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan.

3. A motion was made by Fuchs, second by Brown, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carries 3-0.

4. A motion was made by Brown, second by Fuchs, to approve the June 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes as printed.

Motion carries 3-0.

5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. David Kroll was in attendance for the matter of an Operator License.

6. New Business.

- A. Discussion on body cameras for Evansville Police Department. Chief McElroy presented this request and stated this will be presented in the 2016 budget. He applied for grants, but was denied due to size of community and crime rate for Evansville. Body cameras are coming to most forces, he will continue to research types of camera's, and wants to take a proactive approach. City Administrator Rigg stated there may be some concerns regarding open records, however the benefits of body cameras are large but there are a few pitfalls as well.

- B. Discussion regarding the application to Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for Evansville Police Department Body Cameras. Chief McElroy stated the City of Evansville wasn't eligible for this grant.

- C. Discussion regarding citizen concerns about public intoxication around the business of Pete's Inn. Linda Church of Pete's Inn was in attendance. Chief McElroy presented information regarding the number of complaints and stated the number of complaints is very low, and there have been more complaints recorded for another local business in the area compared to Pete's Inn. He stated there is not an issue according to the police records. The person who complained was not in attendance.

- D.** A motion was made by Fuchs, second by Brown, to recommend to Council approval of an amendment to the Class “B” Beer/ “Class B” Liquor License for Creekside Place, Inc. Kelly Czerwonka, Agent, 102 Maple Street, Evansville, Wisconsin, 53536, d/b/a Creekside Place, for their Cruise Night event, on Thursday, August 6, 2015 (Public Hearing for street closing to be heard in August). Gary Lewis was in attendance to present this agenda item. He said a “cruise night” is more of a social gathering versus cars driving around.

Motion carried 3-0.

- E.** A motion was made by Brown, second by Fuchs, to recommend approval of appointment of David Powers, agent, for Evansville Memorial VFW Post 6905, 38 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Evansville WI.

Motion carried 3-0.

- F.** A motion was made by Fuchs, second by Brown, to approve the Original Operator’s License application(s) for: (all favorable recommendation by Police Chief)
1. Tammy L. Hutchins
  2. David A. Kroll
  3. Hunter B. Isham
  4. Amy M. Arms

Motion carried 3-0.

- G.** A motion was made by Brown, second by Fuchs, to approve the Renewal Operator’s License application(s) for: (all favorable recommendation by Police Chief)
1. Chad D. Hansen
  2. Kevin W. McNeal

Motion carried 3-0.

- H.** A motion was made by Fuchs, second by Brown, to approve the Temporary Operator’s License application(s) for: (all favorable recommendation by Police Chief, 4<sup>th</sup> of July event)
1. Gretchen Kopf
  2. Andy M. Tiedt
  3. Lauren Lisner
  4. Derek R. Allen

Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion and possible motion to approve routine press releases for the Evansville Police Department and EMS. Montgomery stated he would like to be more proactive in communicating information promoting the EMS and Police Department. He would like to see this on a more regular basis. A newsletter to the public from the EMS and Police Chiefs (or their designee) for a monthly submission to express the positives of their departments. He wants this added to the next agenda item for future discussion when the EMS will be in attendance to add their input.

9. Discussion and possible motion regarding compensation for EMS and Police Department at special events. City Administrator Ian Rigg stated he will do more research on this agenda item. He will look into whether the municipality can charge for certain types of calls and events and bring back for future discussion.
10. Discussion regarding implementing EMS staff. City Administrator Ian Rigg stated he has not had a chance to discuss this with the EMS Chief. There have been struggles with getting the necessary recruits. The city will need to come up with the resources for full time staff. Recruitment is the number one issue in finding EMS staff. They need to be more aggressive in communicating position openings.
11. Discussion regarding implementing a formal denial appeal process for liquor licensing per request from Attorney Kopp (ongoing agenda item). Staff will pull information from other communities and bring back to public safety for review and drafting of a policy. This will be an ongoing agenda item.
12. Discussion and possible motion regarding a plan for pedestrian crossing flags in designated crosswalks. City Administrator Rigg spoke with the requestors and has not heard back from them. Chief McElroy stated they have not been in to speak with the police department. No action taken.
13. Evansville Medical Services Report. There was not an EMS representative in attendance to provide a report. City Administrator Ian Rigg stated he is waiting for the EMS Chief to return to finalize the EMS manual. Most items have been drafted.
14. Evansville Police Department Report. Chief McElroy presented the Police Department report below:

## I. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

June - 2015

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### II. Officer Training:

Officer Arnold continues her “shadow phase” of Training

Officer Nanke and Mahan Strupp (DAAT) attended Instructor update June 25 at MATC

Officer Jones completed Safe Travel and Child Safety June 24/25

EPD staff will complete Blood borne Pathogen training in June/July.

Range training was completed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

EPD staff will be attending Active Shooter training Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> in coordination with JPD.

We have reserved a slot for ALERRT Level 1 Active Shooter Training are scheduled for

November 9-10, 2015 and December 9-10, 2015 in Beloit.

### III. Community Relations:

See: <http://www.ci.evansville.wi.gov/city/services/police.html>

EPD staff read to the students at Eager free Public Library on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief McElroy and Officer Matt Nankee represented EPD at the Law Enforcement Torch run Wednesday 6-3-15 at the RCSO.

Chief McElroy will represent EPD at the Rock County National Night out in Clinton on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Meryisa Hernandez represented EPD on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> in Beloit for the 911 Public Service Announcement/video. 2+ million hits so far and counting!

Officer Meryisa Hernandez will work the Law Enforcement tent at the Rock Count Fair Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. Monthly Update:

##### 1. Technology/Equipment Update:

Body Cameras: We submitted a grant application for the: BJA FY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Local Solicitation. We attempted to secure funds for 2016 purchase of body cameras. We did not win an award. See handout. More discussion next month when we start discussing 2016 budget.

2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities: We have finalized the schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. We plan to have all new part time officers on duty in the park with full time officers over the 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. This is an opportune time for the public to meet the new officers.

##### 3. Police Commission/staffing:

- On Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Evansville Police Commission appointed three part time officers: Jessica Rittenhouse, Garrett Hollis and Larry Harkey. Jessica and Garrett will start field training this week. The Assessment Center was completed Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Interviews were completed Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We interviewed three candidates for the new coop student. Mark Trawicki was selected and will start end of July when Adrianna steps down. Adrianna's last day will be August 7. Mark was appointed at the May Public Safety meeting.
- Jacquelyn M. Arnold is in the "shadow phase." Jacqui is now working as a second officer. Jacqui started her training on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. On August 13, the Evansville Police Commission appointed Jacqui. Jacqui is a full time Rock County Sheriff's Office Correctional Officer.
- Larry Harkey was initially appointed to be the Municipal Court officer on an interim basis until a new court officer is in place. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Larry was appointed as a regular part time officer. Larry will remain court officer. Larry is currently a police/court officer or the Albany Police Department. Larry will start his field training after Jessica and Garrett are done.

