

Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. *Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*
2. Roll Call.

Members

Present/Absent

Others Present

Alderson Erika Stuart, Chair	P	Christopher Jones, Lt.
Alderson Gene Lewis	P	Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
Alderson Joe Geoffrion	P	Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk
		Ian Reilly, Sgt.
		Jess Rittenhouse, Sgt.
		Paula Delgado, Officer
		Ben Corridon, Citizen
		Jeff Stevens, Citizen
		Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
		Jason Sergeant, City Administrator

3. Motion to approve the Agenda by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion to approve the September 4, 2024, Public Safety regular meeting minutes by Stuart, seconded by Lewis Motion carried 3-0.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
Jeff Stevens, 75 Countryside Drive, Evansville wanted to share with the committee know about a couple who took their ATV/UTV for a trip out to South Dakota from Union Township and the only section they could not go through was Evansville. They went 2800 miles, and he said Evansville was the only town they had to find a route to go around.
6. Old Business. *N/A*
7. New Business.

A. Motion to approve the Operator's License Application(s) for: (*recommended by Evansville Police Department unless otherwise noted*), by Stuart, seconded by Lewis, Motion carried 3-0

- 1) Olivia Carmelle Kendrick
- 2) Kathryn Marie Lee

B. Discussion and update from Sgt. Reilly regarding Pete's Bar police calls

Sgt. Reilly reported on Pete's Inn Bar police and EMS call log concerns. The call log focused on 154 calls which began March 26, 2022 to September 24, 2024. Reilly and Lieutenant Jones explained Pete's calls were exceptionally higher than any other business in town and with more serious circumstances including mutual aide

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requests to Rock County Sheriff's Office. Officers have requested video footage from Pete's Inn staff, and the requests have not been fulfilled. Since the reopening of Pete's and the change of agent, the establishment's most notable calls have included 14 disorderly conduct, 6 battery, 2 resisting/obstruction, and 1 probation violations. Mutual aid details include 4 EMS calls, 2 Fire Department, 7 Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Stuart inquired on staff time and asked where the disconnect is since there have been prior conversations between Chief Reese and the agent/owner.

Geoffrion sought clarification about the security camera footage, specifically if they cannot or will not give the police footage. Geoffrion also asked if they had been told about consequences at these past meetings.

Lewis asked if they could be denied licensing of the business license at renewal.

Chief Kleisch shared similar safety concerns for EMT and police staff when they are on calls to Pete's Inn.

Jason Sergeant inquired about the process of revocation of a license.

City Clerk Leah Hurtley referred to Wi §125.12(2) Revocations, Suspensions, refusals to issue or renew.

The committee agreed to move forward by turning in a formal letter to Clerk Hurtley to start the process of suspension/revocation.

- C. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council the 2025 Joint Powers Agreement by Stuart, seconded by Lewis, Motion carried 3-0**
- D. **Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council the Intergovernmental Emergency Medical Services Contact with Towns of Union, Porter, Magnolia, and Brooklyn by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion carried 3-0.**
- 8. **Evansville Police Department Report.** Lt. Jones reported to the committee. Officer Delgado completed field training and is now assigned second shift patrol; NBC 15 did a new story on Ofc. Laufenberg on his retirement. We will miss him! Cooking with heroes' event is being planned with Base. First round of interviews will be conducted on October 3rd for a new officer.
- 9. **Evansville Emergency Medical Services Report.** Chief Kleisch reported to the committee. EMS training was OB SIM, Staff attended SIM at Mercy Training Center. Scott and Carolyn attended Incident Safety Officer class through FEMA. The Calley and Otto families dropped off treats for EMS in remembrance of 911. Chief Reese attended the school safety meeting. Our 2nd ambulance has been going out on more calls.

Jason Sergeant contributed appreciation to Chief Kleisch and EMS staff for improved response times. Sergeant informed committee that call time is 2 minutes below previous average, and correspondingly gave Chief Kleisch credit for increase in volunteers.

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10. Meeting Reminder: Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn. *Stuart adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.*

Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk

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