

City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting September 18, 2017

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Voting Members present:

Brian Butler-Chairman, Carol Moss-Alderman, Brett Adams-Alderman,

Other City Officials present:

Jim Culotta-City Administrator, Jeff Stevens-Master Sergeant, Linda Storer-Administrative Assistant

Residents:

Paul Spiezio, Gerald Wolfe, Steve Hullcranz, Liliya Stevens

1. **Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:** None
2. **Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda items:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes** – August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Alderman Moss, 2nd by Alderman Adams.
4. **Business Items**
 - **Monthly Report** –The Committee members were given a copy of the report prior to the start of the meeting. Master Sgt. Stevens briefly went through and explained various items. Chairman Butler asked if written warnings also include the times when officers don't actually write a citation but stop an individual. Master Sgt. Stevens explained that written warnings do not include times when an officer stops individuals but that those instances are captured another way. Alderman Butler understood.
 - **Video Gaming** –The Committee was presented potential changes to the ordinance draft by Chairman Butler. After agreement, it was decided that a special meeting (date unknown) would be conducted for the 1st reading of the amended ordinance. Chairman Butler advised he would ask that the topic be deleted from tonight's City Council Meeting agenda until this can be achieved.
 - **Other Business** – Update on **Eagle Avenue/Bobolink Drive Crosswalk** - Kendra Mescher voiced her concerns regarding this crosswalk and the parking along Eagle Avenue (Central School) at the August meeting. Her concern was the lack of visibility of the small children crossing and wanted to bring it to the committee for a solution.

Master Sgt. Stevens advised that he called the school after the August meeting regarding teachers allegedly parking in few spots closest to the crosswalk that

hamper the line of sight of the children. After the conversation with the Superintendent there has been compliance. Master Sgt. Stevens also advised that he will be speaking to the City Engineer about prohibiting parking there in an attempt to curtail future problems by placing a "No Parking" sign at that location

Lastly, Master Sergeant Stevens briefly discussed the dispatch consolidation efforts in Tazewell County. The By-laws and intergovernmental agreements are close to being complete. The affected agencies agree that the latest documents do not fully acknowledge the funding mechanism for start-up costs. The agencies are currently working towards the most equitable way to accomplish this part in order to comply with an October 1st deadline. Master Sgt. Stevens advised the Public Safety Committee that he would update them on the progress made. Due to the fast-approaching deadline of October 1st, it was decided by the Committee to discuss the video gaming ordinance AND the consolidation issue at the next special meeting.

- **Adjournment** -.Motion for adjournment by Chairman Butler. Motion made by Alderman Moss, 2nd by Alderman Adams. Meeting ended at 6:02 PM.