

**City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting October 16, 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, Mike McCoy-Chief of Police, Jeff Stevens-Master Sergeant, Linda Storer-Administrative Assistant

**Residents:**

Paul Spiezio, Steve Hullcranz, Liliya Stevens, Tony Dinkins, Kris Dinkins

1. **Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:** None
2. **Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda items:** Tony & Kris Dinkins have lived at 110 S Church which is at the corner of Church & Maple since 1993. They wanted to advise the committee that they believe the traffic has increased and that vehicles could be going too fast. Their home is situated by the park where children play and also where buses load and unload children. The Dinkins are concerned for children's safety. They went on to advise that there isn't any signage stating "Children at Play." Lastly, they indicated that the stop sign at the intersection is viewed as a "yield" sign by the motoring public which is also an unsafe situation.

After a brief discussion, Chief McCoy and Master Sergeant Stevens were directed by the Committee to look into the situation and report back.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Alderman Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Chief McCoy briefly explained various items contained in the report. Chairman Butler commended both the police & fire departments in their handling of the fire on Autumn Ridge. He felt that both departments worked well together.
  - **Lexipol** –Based on the support of the City, Chief McCoy signed a contract with Lexipol last week to standardize all policies and procedures used by the Police Department. They will be entering data that the police department provides concerning these. Master Sergeant Jeff Stevens will be the point person for this project. Once finished, it will give the City and the Police Department defensible, well written and updated policies and procedures now and in the future.

Chairman Butler remembers Chief Miller presenting this topic in a past meeting. All current Committee Members agree this is a good decision.

- **Proposed Ordinance– “No Parking” on a portion of Eagle Avenue abutting Central School District #51.** Last month the Police Department updated the Committee concerning the Eagle Avenue/Bobolink Drive Crosswalk - Kendra Mescher had 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.

**UPDATE:** A proposed Ordinance prohibiting the parking on a portion of Eagle Avenue has been drafted. Committee felt that it should be presented to the full council and will recommend its approval. (The crosswalk was previously taken care of last month). This would conclude the entire concern proposed by Kendra Mescher.

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#### **Other Business**

- Alderman Adams advised that skateboarders are using the City parking lot by the post office and felt it was a dangerous situation. The kids are darting out and could be struck by cars. Is skateboarding prohibited? Should we post “No Skateboarding” signs?

A discussion ensued. Chief McCoy and Master Sergeant Stevens advised they will address the situation.

- There was a complaint from a citizen who called about a perceived speeding issue on Velma Street. As a result, the speed trailer was placed there for 19 days. The data revealed that five cars had exceeded the speed limit of 25 m.p.h. The highest being 32 m.p.h. The citizen was advised of the results.
- **Adjournment** -.Motion for adjournment by Chairman Butler. Motion made by Alderman Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Adams. Meeting ended at 5:54 PM.