

City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 18, 2019

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Voting Members present:

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

Other Officials present:

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief, Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief, Roger Traver and Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

Residents:

Lili Stevens, Paul Spiezio, and Lance Aarestad.

1. Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:

None

2. Citizen wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:

None

3. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2019.

Motion to approve requested by Chairman Butler – Alderman Adams motioned, 2nd Alderman Moss.

4. Business Items:

A. Ordinance Chapter 114 consideration - Massage services ordinance – we want to be ahead of prostitution masquerading as massage services. Want to implement a workable ordinance. In 2004, the ordinance was updated in response to prohibit illicit massage parlors from coming to town. WPD found a sample ordinance from Downers Grove IL that has been tested. We wouldn't need anything as elaborate. Would you like the Police Department to draft something and bring it to the next meeting? Committee thought that would be great.

B. Monthly Investigative Report – Chief McCoy reviewed February activity. These officers are very busy with various follow up on several cases.

C. Business Registration Discussion – the police department needs a listing of every business in town with owner information and after hour phone numbers. Is there any interest in registering businesses and charging a fee? The Committee doesn't have the appetite to do anything that would detour businesses coming to town and a fee might look unfriendly. Committee was advised by Fire Chief Traver that he and some of the zoning staff were thinking of going door to door to gather information from all

of the businesses. Police Department wants to make sure we don't duplicate efforts and not obtain the needed information that can be used by all staff. Police Department will get with the Fire Department to work together on this project. PD will be looking at an ordinance to register businesses in Washington. Will bring back discussion next meeting.

5. Other Business:

The Police Department has appointed a Chaplain. Pastor Dave Jane has accepted the position. He will be available to help the police department through emergency situation and those in crisis. He will also be an avenue the department can use for their employees when they need to talk regarding professional and personal matters. Committee thought this was a great idea!

Adjournment – 6:15 PM, motion by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Moss.