

City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
April 15, 2019

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, Alderman Daniel Cobb, Kevin Berg, Fire Board and Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

**Residents:**

Lili Stevens

**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 – March 18, 2019.**

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

**4. Business Items:**

**A. Ordinance consideration: Chapter 72.19 entitled– Parking on Street.**

Mr. Mark Novy requested either a repeal or amendment to the ordinance as it relates to him parking his work truck and trailer on the street in front of his house.

Mr. Novy expressed concern that his vehicle is ticketed and others who even block fire hydrants are not. This appears to be selective enforcement. Mr. Novy stated that he has lived at the same house for 14 years and never has had an issue until now. Requested the committee look at ordinance since it is old. Mr. Novy was asked to bring his concerns in front of a council meeting so that more Alderman could weigh in on his concerns.

**B. Open Burning Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 93.02 entitled “Open Burning” –**

Mrs. Sharon Coffey asked why we are changing the hours? This year, spring has been messy making it hard to get out and clean the yard. Having the hours of burning change won't allow me to clean up. The conversation then went on with Alderman Moss commenting that no green landscape waste should be burned because it billows smoke and doesn't burn. Conversation continued amongst Alderman that there are essentially 3 types of fires: Landscape, Cooking and Recreational. The

limitation on size of a fire pit is 3 feet with a stack of 3 feet. If larger fires are needed then a permit is required. Open burning of landscape waste will be allowed Oct 1-May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be prohibited June, July, August and Septmeber. The ordiance will prohibit burning grass clipping. No smoldering fires will be allowed. At the end of the conversation, a motion to take this to the full council was made by Alderman Moss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Adams.

**C. Proposed Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 136 entitled “Gambling Offenses”** – took a final look of this ordinance at the Committee of Whole Meeting last week. Motion to take to council was made by Alderman Adams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Moss.

**D. Planned purchases – Interview Rooms Recording System.** Oberlander Electric is being recommended from the 3 bids the PD received. All agreed it should be placed on Consent Agenda and to proceed. Motion made by Alderman Moss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Adams.

**E. Replacement Computers** – The Administrative Wing of the PD has requested to purchase new computers. They are older models with 32 bit systems This is a planned purchased. Committee felt that if the planned price is achieved to go ahead and get them. Motion made by Alderman Moss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Adams.

**5. Other Business:**

None

**Adjournment – 6:07 PM, motion by Alderman Adams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Moss.**