

8/10/15 Public Safety Committee meeting 5:30PM (PD Conference Room)

Members present: T. Gee, D. Dingleline, T. Maxwell, Chief D. Volk

Chairman Gee called the meeting to order @ 5:30PM.

Aldermen wishing to be heard – D. Dingleline questioned the speed limit on S. Main and the posting of “No Truck” signage on Zinser. Chief Volk advised the speed limit signs are not correct (45MPH was to continue from 1100 block to edge of City). Chief advised that he has made the Public Works Director (Ed Andrews) aware of the issue. Signs on Zinser have not been posted yet. Will check with Mr. Andrews to see when this will occur. T. Gee advised that on W. Jefferson in Washington Estates (1300-1500 blocks) the “No Parking This Side” signs along the north side of the roadway have been missing since the tornado. Request City Services replace them. T. Gee also noted that he observed cameras have been installed at the McCluggage/Freedom intersection. He was advised these were IDOT cameras.

Citizens wishing to be heard – Gerald Wolf (607 Westgate) expressed his concern for speeding and stop sign violations in the area of Westgate and Devonshire. He has been to this committee several times in the past. He indicated that he would like to see more police presence in the area. Chief Volk advised he would direct extra patrol in the area.

Approval of minutes for July 13th, 2015 regular meeting – D. Dingleline motioned, T. Maxwell seconded. Approved.

Business Items – Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Chief Volk also provided copies of his self-review for his 1st year, 2nd year and Strategic Plan for the future of WPD.

Other Business – Chief Volk advised that he and Deputy Chief Stevens were reviewing the City Liquor Ordinances for possible revision, as some sections are archaic. They will meet with City Attorney Russo on 8/12/15 to discuss. Any potential changes will be brought back to the Committee for review and input. Chief is also reviewing the Open Air Meetings portion of the Parks & Recreation Ordinance, to clean up some clerical issues. D. Dingleline questioned whether or not smoking would be allowed in the outside seating area at Blacksmith’s Steakhouse. By State Statute, it would as long as smokers are 15’ from entrance to building. Dingleline questioned whether this should have been addressed when considering modification of Liquor Ordinance. Committee had mixed feelings.

Adjournment – D. Dingleline motioned, T. Maxwell seconded. Approved at 6:05PM.