

City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting April 17, 2017

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

Voting Members present:

Alderman Brian Butler, Alderman Mike Brownfield, Alderman Tyler Gee

Other City Officials present:

Jim Culotta-City Administrator, Ted Miller-Chief of Police, Jeff Stevens-Master Sergeant, Ed Andrew-City Engineer, Linda Storer-Records Clerk

Residents:

Steve Hullcranz, Paul Spiezio, Liliya Stevens, Greg Bitner, Jeff Worthington

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item: None

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

•Mr. Greg Bitner of 119 Ernest asked if speed bumps could be installed on his street due the increased level of motorized traffic. He recently went to Peoria Heights and noticed on Forrest Hill Drive they have two blocks of speed bumps controlling the traffic flow. Mr. Bitner also indicated he would like to see a bike lane added to Ernest Street. He rides his bike and thought speed bumps would increase his safety. After some discussion amongst the attendees, it was determined that City Administrator, Jim Culotta would contact the Washington Park District to see if they are interested in obtaining a recreation trail designation along that street to add a bike lane. Meadow Valley Park is located at the end of the street and a bike trail would allow the potential for a larger sidewalk, whereby negating the need for speed bumps. This might be the best solution for everybody. It should be noted that the City Engineer, Ed Andrews weighed in and stated that Ernest Street probably would not qualify for any grant money under the city qualifiers.

•Paul Spiezio handed out a graph illustrating collected court fines, warning citations and vehicle speeds written on tickets for the past 5 years. (Attached)

3. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Brownfield, 2nd by Tyler Gee.

4. Business Items

Monthly Report – Chief Miller presented Police Department's monthly report. Looks good-no questions. Tyler Gee commented that he likes having a supervisor on every shift.

Westgate Road Parking Concerns – Last month a couple of items of concern were presented by Gerald Wolfe, 607 Westgate.

- #1. Pedestrian traffic exiting the park
- #2. Parking on both side of Westgate

The attendees agreed that it was a potential safety hazard and would begin to look into remedies. During tonight's meeting, Alderman Butler requested that a "no parking sign" be placed on the east side of Stratford Drive. This would eliminate cars being parked too close to the entrance of the pool.

The other remedy presented was painting a "no parking zone" on each side 20 feet from pedestrian entrance to Westgate Park alerting the motoring public of pedestrians exiting Westgate Park. (Memo drafted by Ed Andrews-City Engineer is attached)

Traffic Calming Process was not presented tonight. (Memo drafted by Jim Culotta-City Administrator is attached)

- 5. **Other Business** – None
- 6. **Adjournment** – 6:15 P.M.