

Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021
6:30 PM at the Juneau Public Safety Building
128 E Cross St, Juneau WI 53039

Public Safety Members present: Mayor Daniel Wegener, John Schuster, Jane Fude, Richard Evans, Dave Beal, Dan Zank

Members absent: Curt Ninmann

Also Invited: Cathy Firari, Shawn Hart, Clerk/Treasurer

Citizens present: Cristina Seremet from the 1850's

1. Approve the Public Safety Agenda: Motion by J. Fude, second by R. Evans to approve the April 22, 2021 Public Safety agenda. Motion carried. 3/0
2. Review and Approve Minutes from March 25, 2021: Motion by R. Evans, second by J. Fude to approve the March 25, 2021 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried. 3/0
3. Citizens Wishing to be Heard: Let the record show that there were no citizens wishing to be heard.
4. Police Chief:
 - a. Monthly Report: Chief Beal passed out the March monthly report. Chief Beal noted that within the past 5 days there have been 2 heroin overdoses in the City of Juneau, the last one was on today's date, April 22, 2021. Citizens should be aware that there are drug problems in the city.

Drug Take Back will be this Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Juneau Public Safety Building. The drug take-back box is located at the police department lobby and is accessible 24/7 to everyone wishing to get rid of their used or old prescription drugs.

New squad car is in service. The second one will be here sometime in the middle of May.

- b. Discuss Sidewalk Café Ordinance: Chief Beal stated that Shawn Hart did complete the Sidewalk Café Ordinance and that all committee members have looked it over. The ordinance explains the process that a business needs to do to obtain a license to have an outside café. Discussion was that this should be a pilot program for one year and to make it a resolution instead of an ordinance so that it can be observed as what works and what does not work.

Christina Seremet from the 1850's was present and presented pictures that she took while she was in Colorado of how they have outside cafés which are called "Parklet's" where a structure is built on a slab and placed up to the curb protruding out into the street. This structure would be placed in the street from Spring through Fall and then removed by a forklift and stored until the following year.

It was discussed how many parking spaces would be lost if a parklet was used for each establishment wishing to have a sidewalk café. This could be up to 3 parking spaces per establishment.

Seremet stated that the city would store the parklets however Mayor Wegener stated that they would not be in favor of this and that the property owner would be responsible for storing their own parklet's as the city does not have the storage space.

Fude had a question regarding the application process and if it was necessary for the applicant to come before both the Public Safety Committee and the Plan Commission. Discussion was made that the Public Safety Committee would approve the extension of premise for the alcohol and that Plan Commission would have to approve the layout for the sidewalk café placement.

Motion by R. Evans, second by J. Fude to recommend to the common council a resolution regarding the Sidewalk Café to be as a pilot program for one year. Motion carried. 3/0

- c. Accept Resignation of Jennifer Funk: Chief Beal stated that he received a letter of resignation from Jennifer Funk effective April 5, 2021. Motion by R. Evans, second by J. Fude to accept the resignation of Jennifer Funk. Motion carried. 3/0
- d. Authorize Hiring of New Officer: Chief Beal stated that he would like to begin the hiring process for a new officer and to begin advertising. Motion by J. Fude, second by R. Evans to authorize Chief Beal to begin the hiring process for a new officer. Motion carried. 3/0

5. EMS:

- a. Monthly Report: EMS Coordinator Dan Zank had to leave for an ambulance call at which time the committee was handed his monthly report. There was a total of 34 calls in March 2021 compared to 23 calls in March 2020. The new Auto Pulse machine is now in service.

6. Fire Chief:

- a. Monthly Report: Fire Chief Ninmann was unable to attend. The monthly report was passed out. There was a total of 5 calls for the month of March 2021.

7. Emergency Government Director:

- a. Monthly Report: EG Director Beal stated that April is tornado awareness month. Indicated that sirens are meant for people who are outside and not meant to be heard inside the residence. Weather warning devices can be obtained to listen to in the home. There are currently 3 sirens throughout the city and that all areas of Juneau are covered. Beal suggests that everyone plan and practice where to go if a tornado should come. Check your basement for a "Safe Spot" and have a flashlight and supplies handy.

8. Future agenda items: There were no future agenda items.

9. Old Business: There was no old business.

10. New Business: There was no new business.

11. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm:

12. Adjourn: Motion by J. Fude, second by J. Schuster to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion carried. 3/0

Minutes by:

Catherine Firari, Administrative Assistant