

AGENDA

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 8:30 A.M.
Boardroom, 2nd Floor, City Hall**

Committee Members: Chairwoman Pat Shelton, Joe Leonard, Wendy Sellars

Call to Order

Chairwoman Pat Shelton

Approval of Minutes

May 3, 2016

- 1. Update – Fire Department**
- 2. Request from Brad Hulin to eliminate “Sign Walkers” in the City**
(A sign walker is someone who stands by the road holding a business advertising sign)
- 3. Discussion of Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department**
- 4. Update – Police Department**
- 5. Additions/Updates**
- 6. Adjournment**

A quorum of the council may be in attendance and may participate in the discussion, but not vote.

MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 9:20 A.M.
Boardroom, 2nd Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Raleigh York Jr; and Council Members: Chairwoman Pat Shelton; Joe Leonard; Wendy Sellars; Ron Bratton; Jane Murphy; Scott Styers; City Manager Kelly Craver; Administrative Assistant Rita Leta; Police Chief Jeff Insley; Fire Chief Marty Dailey; Captain Eddie Bowling; Public Services Director Morgan Huffman; Chuck George Planning Director; Intern with the Mayor from Ledford High School Hunter Thrift; and Barney W. Hill.

Chairwoman Pat Shelton called the meeting to order.

Chairwoman Shelton entertained a motion approving the minutes of April 5, 2016. A motion was made by Councilmember Leonard to approve the minutes and seconded by Councilmember Sellars.

1. Update- Fire Department

Chief Dailey asked Eddie to give an update on Nixle and what he has been doing. Eddie stated that the EOC is set up and will remain up. A disability registry has been started; this is for people in the community that have disabilities that may require food, water, and power, in case of a disaster or ice storm and we can see that their needs are met. The resources come from our local County Government.

The Nixle software is up and running and will have more capabilities than we did in the past. Time Warner Cable provided us the contact information for all of Davidson County and we have loaded Thomasville. We are working with Northstate for information. We have 22 trained users on the Nixle system. They have created a Lock Down notification group and educated them on how it works. We started to build Community Partnerships, Davidson County 911 Communications and Health Department is on board with Nixle.

2. Update – Final Report Pre-Design Study Police Department

Chief Insley presented the Pre- Design Study of the New Thomasville Police Station and highlighted areas in the package of interest. The project if all goes well should break ground February 2017 with a 1 year 3 week completion. There was open discussion about the designs of the building.

Chief Insley has assigned Brad Saintsing as the Liaison between the Consulting Firm and the Police Department. Once construction started Brad will need to be there to oversee the project a few days a week.

3. Discussions of Body Worn Camera for the Police Department

Chief Insley stated that John Faircloth has put a bill in front of legislation to dictate who will have access and who will view body cam footage. It has been referred to one of the work group session. Mr. Craver stated it has past First Reading and it is in Committee. It is House Bill 972. It reads that is not a public record unless the Police Chief said it is. Chief Insley said there is enclosed copy of a request of Body Worn Digital Recording form from Winston Salem Police Department. He presented the different types of Body Cameras available and pricing. There was open discussion about the cameras, policy and pricing.

4. Consideration of Amendment of Chapter 46, Section 46-31 Prohibited Conditions. Article II, C (1)

Mr. Craver this has to do with nuisance conditions. Mr. George found that a dense growth of grass, weeds, or other noxious vegetation that are 12 inches high is the consensus with local municipalities. Thomasville is currently 18 inches high. Based upon these findings we would like to reduce our minimum height from 18 inches to 12 inches. Chairwoman Shelton entertained a motion to move this to briefing. Councilmember Leonard made a motion to move to briefing and Councilmember Sellars seconded that motion.

5. Update – Police Department

Chief Insley stated that violent crime is still falling; property crime no change. Department is in the process of planning for Memorial Day. Mr. Craver said we will be applying for Governor Safety Highway Program grant it has to do with Traffic Enforcement.

6. Additions / Update

Chairwoman Shelton asked if there were any additions or updates.

7. Adjournment

Chairwomen Shelton entertained for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Leonard made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Sellars seconded that motion.

Craver, Kelly

From: Brad Hulin <hurry1time@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Craver, Kelly
Subject: Sign Walkers

Mr. Craver,

I would like to propose an ordinance to ban all walking/standing sign flipping advertising in the city limits. These walkers whether costumed or not are a distraction to drivers and a potential hazard to themselves. Furthermore, they make the city look trashy and desperate. I also think that the city is overpopulated with signs in general. I know that the city works hard to get up these signs and it shows. However, the repeat offenders should be faced with a fine or something to entice them to abide by the rules. Thank you for your time and effort to resolve this issue!

Brad Hulin