

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016**

Alderman Plufka called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Pittman called for attendance.

Alderman Kramer – Present
Alderman Leahy – Present
Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderman Plufka – Present

Also present were: City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, Major Jim McIntyre, Fire Chief Ted Jury, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Kurten and Deputy City Clerk Pittman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes February 18, 2016

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. **VOICE VOTE TAKEN;** 3 – yes; Plufka – abstain; **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION

Amendment to Brentwood Municipal Code

It was requested that City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe review legislation as it relates to sex offenders for possible amendment. He has provided a copy of the current state statutes upon which a draft ordinance is based. The ordinance incorporates the city's new "felon business" proximity regulation recently adopted. He was asked to review legislation from the City of O'Fallon that he believes is too broad given Brentwood's population and believes that perhaps it can be a bit more restrictive.

Alderman Leahy offered comments that the terms need to be clearly defined. He asked how many children are needed to be considered a child care facility, what is considered a public park, and how many kids are needed when considering home schooling. It was asked if the city is set up for reporting and how we police our current residents.

Alderman Lochmoeller commented that we should broaden to other areas and types of facilities that kids might frequent and that future businesses catering to children should also be protected. It was stated that the Brentwood Swim Club is not opened to the public and asked if both public and private facilities are included.

Alderman Kramer stated that he is not opposed to the expansion of legislation but he does not want to veer too far from the state statute.

Alderman Plufka asked if for the next meeting, a map could be created listing the known places that are being restricted.

Discussions were held and other comments were offered with regards to businesses that may not be properly licensed. It was suggested to send a message via the newsletter to ask everyone to make sure their business is registered/licensed so that they would be protected. It was also asked if private enterprises are included and if the limit could be extended to neighboring cities.

Presentation of Efficiency Report

Administrator Akande reported that as a result of the compensation study, and due to the high rate of overtime, to determine if departments were at capacity efficiency studies were conducted in each department and will be reported to the respective committees.

Fire Chief Jury provided an overview of the fire department; services offered and structure. He explained that the service provided by the fire department is 24 hours. Along with other area departments, they each depend highly on mutual aid. The department is operating under a new staffing policy in which all new hires will be paramedics; 2 are required on the ambulance at all times. They are also working with other departments on a shared Battalion Chief position as one is required at each active scene and to standardize the operating procedures among departments. Chief Jury noted the staffing challenges with the administrative aid as she also provides many of the city's public relation responsibilities, i.e, website management, newsletter, social media updates, etc. Fire activity has been fairly consistent over the years; however there was increase in 2015 in fire loss primarily due to smoke damage sustained by Southern Graphics.

Comments were offered that the city may soon be hiring a customer service clerk that may be helpful with some of the public relations duties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderwoman Saunders, requested clarification that the city is following NIMS and does have someone to serve as incident commander in certain incidences.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request For A Stop Sign At Pine Avenue And Hatton Avenue

Julia Roberts (9335 Pine) and **Bill Abeln** (9339 Pine) were present to discuss safety concerns with vehicles traveling at increased speeds. A petition was circulated throughout the immediate vicinity requesting a 3 way stop sign at Pine and Hatton for improved pedestrian safety for area kids, homeowner safety entering and exiting driveways, and improved sight and safety for drivers; of which 21 of the 33 homes agreed and signed in favor. The City has been in communication with CBB, the city's traffic engineer, to request the status of the requested study for this area; and it is hoped to be submitted by the April meeting. At this meeting, discussions will be held regarding CBB's recommendation for a number of pedestrian friendly solutions.

Request For Resident Parking Restrictions On East Side Of St. Clair Avenue (Intersection Of St. Clair Avenue And White Avenue)

It was reminded that staff has been in contact with the Brentwood School District after receipt of resident complaints and regarding the scoop of work proposed by CBB to study the area. The District is evaluating and has agreed to conduct a study of which is expected to be presented in April. The City was asked to continue to hold off on making any decisions until such time this is completed.

Update Regarding Crosswalk at Sonora and McKnight / Wrenwood and Brentwood Blvd

It was reminded that the city made application for TEAP funding of which was not awarded. Following the direction of the committee, contracts have been executed with CBB to conduct studies. CBB expects to have this completed this spring; May 21st – June 21st they will be observing the area.

Discussion Regarding Eager Road Construction; Construction Trade Parking Concerns; Road Safety Concerns; Carwash Coupons

Discussions were held regarding the construction of the Manhasset Village Apartments and the issues raised from Brentwood Forest residents regarding the location that construction workers park their vehicles limiting sight distance and causing safety concerns. At the previous meeting the question was asked of who would be able to look into this issue and offer a recommendation; City Administrator Akande replied that it would be the city's traffic engineer. The request has been communicated to Richmond Heights to forward to the developer to ensure compliance with parking. It has also been communicated to the Brentwood police to be watchful of violators.

Residents have complained of the dirt, dust and debris left on Eager by the construction traffic. Holland Construction (developer) has offered carwash coupons to impacted residents and it was again requested to conduct periodic wet sweeps of the area now that it is spring.

A discussion was held regarding the parking complaints and suggestions of temporary parking. Alderman Kramer made a motion to recommend to the full board of alderman the expenditure, not to exceed \$500, for the consultation of the city traffic engineer to identify the solution for the egress of Brentwood Court Apartment area on Eager road. Motion seconded by Alderman Leahy. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderwoman Saunders offered comments regarding the continued delays of receiving the reports from CBB and asked if there are any discounts available. She also recommended temporary parking as done for different sporting events (the police are authorized to approve a 48 hour time frame and this project is slated for a couple of years).

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy noted a request received from St. Mary Magdalen for temporary handicap parking signs to use while they undergo renovations at the church. It was announced that the city does not have such signs.

UPDATES FROM POLICE CHIEF FITZGERALD

General Police Department Update

Assistant Chief McIntyre reported the anticipated attendance of him and Chief Fitzgerald to attend the upcoming CALEA conference. He announced the retirement of Lt. Kohler after 30 years of service at the end of April and noted that we will begin the advertising the hiring process and accepting applications.

After request for an overview of the 2015 crime statistics, Chief responded that the overall crime total is down; however the city changed reporting methods last year so there may be a slight discrepancy in the numbers reported. Burglaries have decreased while stealing has increased; Target Store recognized staffing issues and have taken measures to correct which is hoped to be reflective in next years reported numbers.

UPDATES FROM FIRE CHIEF JURY

General Fire Department Update

A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed Metro on Manchester development and Chief Jury noted concerns with the design that will be relayed to the building commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote in was favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved on the 21st day of April, 2016.

Attest:

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator