

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
City Hall – Large Conference  
Room 5211 SCHLUTER ROAD  
**Wednesday – January 27, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Remote Teleconference Meeting via  
ZOOM

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MEETING**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) December 23, 2020
4. Appearances
  - a) Mayor Mary O'Connor
5. Unfinished Business
  - a) Discussion of Bike Registration
6. New Business
  - a) Discussion of "Safe at Home" Public Education Initiative brought forth by Chair Thomas, Mayor O'Connor, Alder Moore, Monona Police Department and Monona Fire Department.
  - b) City Admin Email to Public Safety Committee to provide input to City of Monona Police Chief search.
  - c) Discussion on Video Recording Committee Meetings for public posting.
  - d) Letter received from Mary Delaney
7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance

8. Discussion of future agenda items.
9. Reports
  - a) Fire Department
  - b) Police Department
  - c) Building and Code Inspection
  - d) Police and Fire Commission
10. Next meeting date: February 24, 2021
11. Adjournment

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### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

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**CITY OF MONONA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Conference Room  
5211 Schluter Road  
Wednesday- December 23, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

**2. Roll Call:**

**Committee Members Present:** Jim Bisbee (ZOOM), Glenn Rehberg (ZOOM), Larry Reed (ZOOM), Kathy Thomas (ZOOM), Angela Davis (ZOOM), Joe Fontaine (ZOOM), Nancy Moore (ZOOM) and Connie Miley (ZOOM).

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Interim Police Chief Deuman (ZOOM), Fire Chief McMullen (ZOOM) and Lieutenant Curtis Wiegel (ZOOM).

**Others Present:** Kristie Goforth (ZOOM), Gillian Fink (ZOOM) and Mary Delaney (ZOOM)

**3. Minutes:** A motion was made by Reed, seconded by Rehberg, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.

**4. Appearances:**

Gillian Fink, 6307 Westgate Rd. was present and appeared to thank everyone for their work on police department policies and making changes necessary to make them more consistent with the 8 Can't Wait campaign. Gillian made an infographic to share with the community and wanted to be sure this properly reflects the work we did. Chair Thomas confirmed the infographic was accurate and could be shared.

Kristie Goforth, 4515 Gordon Ave. was present and appeared to speak about repealing the Monona bicycle registration ordinance. City of Madison has also begun to discuss this topic as well in March. Kristie provided suggestions for using one of two free national registries to accomplish the registration process.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

**6. New Business:**

- a) **Discussion/Action on Ancillary Rates related to EMS Billing (supplies, mileage, procedures, etc.).**

Fire Chief McMullen began by explaining when he was moving information to the new billing system, LifeQuest, he had the opportunity to review the current ordinance related to Ancillary rates. He noted that there was resident/non-resident rate related to the transport fees. Chief McMullen is proposing an adjustment to the transport rates based on the type of call (BLS, ALS1 and ALS2) and provided the breakdown of proposed base rates in the packet. He is also provided a chart of current rate sheet on file with LifeQuest for supplies.

During the discussion there was a question about Medicare coverage. Medicare coverage is currently \$285 and they do not pay for supplies or mileage. Medicaid reimbursement is even less. Medicaid previously paid \$85, however was just increased to \$184. They accept Medicare and Medicaid as payment in full. The patient is not responsible for any unpaid balance.

There was also discussion about persons with no insurance and a limited ability to pay. When someone has limited ability to pay they can request a waiver via ordinance. LifeQuest also has a program where the patient can call and LifeQuest will base the billing on income associated with Federal poverty level. If they still cannot pay they have the ability to come to the city to request a waiver. Chief advised his goal was to have rates be consistent with the median of the rates.

Concern was raised about LifeQuest's collection process, specifically harassment of the person or effect on their credit score. LifeQuest has its own collection service and is very reasonable in working with patients. If patients are only able to pay a small monthly fee they work within their ability to pay. LifeQuest does direct billing of insurance companies.

Prices for medications and supplies are set by Fire Chief. The general formula is three times the actual cost of supplies which helps to cover waste and overhead. Fees for some of the more expensive items are reduced while some small items are increased to a set floor (e.g. minimum \$2 or \$5 for some items).

Approximately 53% of patients in 2020 were on Medicare or Medicaid. Other billing helps to balance outflows but there is really no way to completely cover all costs. Approximately 27 – 29% is private insurance billing and the remainder is private pay.

Fire Chief McMullen requesting approval to move forward and take the rate increase proposal to the Monona City Council.

Motion by Rehberg to approve rates as set forth by Chief McMullen, second by Bisbee. Motion passed unanimously.

**b) Discussion of Monona Ordinance 168-3 Registration and Licensing of Bicycles.**

As mentioned by Kristie, Madison is currently looking at eliminating their ordinance. Chair Thomas has looked it up and discovered many communities also have already eliminated but concern is specifically whether Madison eliminates due to many of our citizens riding their bikes in Madison. If we do decide to discontinue believe we should

Discussion about how many stolen bicycles have been returned and whether the registration is necessary since we don't register serial numbers of other property, e.g. TV's. Based on last year's records, a total of 129 bicycles were entered in property. Of that number, 10 were recovered stolen bikes that would all have been returned. Of the remaining 119 bikes, only 11 were returned to an owner either based on registration or notification from the owner that it was missing.

Research into the reason Madison is looking at elimination was the cost related to to continue. If utilizing one of the national registrations it would be beneficial to market it to residents. The question is if we are not enforcing the ordinance is it worth having the ordinance.

Overall, regardless of what decision is made, Chair Thomas believes we need to do a better job of communicating with the community. Would like to talk to parents to see what they think and look into the national registry. It would be good to be able to return stolen, lost bicycles to the community.

Member Rehberg mentioned that maybe the focus should be an overall focus to educate the community about the importance of collecting serial numbers. Questioned whether three needed to be a specific focus on protecting their bikes vs. protecting all of their valuable property from theft.

#### **7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance.**

Current budget numbers provided for review. No discussion.

#### **8. Discussion of future agenda items.**

No future items discussed.

#### **9. Reports:**

##### **Police:**

- Budget Documents Brief Overview. Expenses down, likely COVID related
- Monthly Reports sent to members. Overview of shots fired cases and recent bank robbery

##### **Fire:**

- Revenues down, about \$140,000 down from prior years. Have compensated for most of the reduction.

- Back up rig has been running and has caught 3 – 4 calls they normally would have missed.
- Thanks to PD for Currently down two positions, to include the Chief, and expecting another resignation due to relocation early next year.
- MOPD has recently updated our Records Management System (RMS) and is still working through that process. Reports will likely be delayed due to the difference in the way data is exported from the two systems.

**Building Inspection:** No report.

**Police and Fire Commission:** Member Fontaine reported they met with GovHR who is developing survey's, one for department and one for the public. Expect those to go out in early January. Also looking to meet again to nail down the calendar for the hiring process, likely to be posted in early January. GovHR already doing some stakeholder interviews and will then discuss other ways to get public input while the process is still open as well as looking at what the input process will look like later in the process.

Chair Thomas advised that Alder Goforth asked Mary Delaney to provide input on the September police incident. Chair Thomas advised a copy of the letter would be forwarded to members and it would be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Don't expect the committee to take action because the Mayor, City Administrator and Alder Thomas deem it appropriate to wait for the next police Chief before they act on it or respond to it.

**10. Next meeting date:** January 27, 2021

**11. Adjournment:** Motion was made by Bisbee, seconded by Davis, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:01 pm.