

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2009

The meeting was called to Order by Ald. Moede with the following Roll Call at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Moede, Ald. Smith, Ald. Voss

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Gering, Ald. Pasbrig, Ron Wellner, Chris MacNeill, Roger Williams, Marge Nitschke, Dan Henke, Dick Arndt, Joellen Biertzer, Roger Brandenburg, Jim Gassner, Claudette Gassner, Jim Boileau, Sharon Brandenburg, Arlene Karl, Dennis Karl, Marty Wagner, Connie Wagner, Matt Kuehn, Randy Hansen, Todd A. Snow, Esq., Rick Torn, Tom Gmirek, Lourdeen Robson, Sharon Chmiewlewski, Ed Fischer, Kate Liebenow, Sean Hansen, Susan Smith, Joyce Murray, Sally Kahlhamer, Justin Graef

Item #2–Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009, meeting.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Smith to approve the above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3–Citizens Comments.

Todd Snow, Esq. spoke as an attorney representing the neighbors of MEC. He discussed the Public Nuisance Ordinance and referred to Ordinance 303-2 and then read the ordinance as requested by Ald. Hoy. Todd Snow, Esq. discussed the noise level and noted that a resident is trying to sell their home. Their realtor advised the resident that the night noise level should be made known to potential buyers. Todd Snow, Esq. also discussed the vibration. He discussed that the police report mentions that the vibration is not enough to knock things off of the walls. Todd noted that vibration cannot be measured, and it is unknown what type of damage the vibration might be doing to the foundations of the homes affected. He also referenced Ordinance 303-11 which requires a permit from the board of health for a nuisance type business. He noted that MEC had been operating in the industrial park and the zoning does not control public nuisance. He continued that something has to be done quickly. His clients will file a lawsuit to shut down MEC until noise issue is fixed. Todd also noted that if the equipment can be moved here it, than it should be moved back.

Marty Wagner also commented on the noise from MEC. He asked for a show of hands from the gallery for the number of individuals that were at the meeting for the noise issue. Approximately twenty people raised their hands.

Matt Kuehn of 810 Bridge Street questioned why the presses were moved to 800 Horicon Street. Why wasn't the packing brought to the 800 Horicon Street location instead?

Dick Arndt was at the meeting to discuss the American Legion Baseball Tournament. He noted that teams from all regions of the state would be in Mayville for the tournament. He wanted to make sure that EMS, Fire Department, and Police Department were aware of the activities. He announced that there will be fireworks on opening night as donated by Uncle Sam's Fireworks.

Item #4–Monthly Fire Department Report.

No Report.

Item #5–Monthly EMS Report.

No Report.

Item #6–Monthly Police Department Report.

A. Statistical Report/Investigations.

Police Captain, Chris MacNeill, reported the Mayville Police Department Statistics for the previous month. He also mentioned that the statistics can be found at mayvillepolice.org.

B. Investigations.

Police Captain, Chris MacNeill, reported that the department currently has 19 open cases under investigation.

Item #7–Emergency Government Report.

No Report.

Item #8– Discussion of Noise Level and Traffic Plans for MEC’s Horicon Street Location.

Ald. Moede invited Rick Torn of MEC to the podium. Rick stated that he has been the Director of MEC for 15 years and has lived in Mayville for 11 years. He noted that he has talked to neighbors of MEC personally. Rick stated that the reason for moving to the new location was due to the location and cost came very attractive. The presses were moved due to the fact that they were in the middle of the flow of the process. They had no idea the noise level would be this bad. Rick also stated that only a portion of the building is currently being used, so sound does travel. Rick also stated that Oshkosh was awarded a billion dollar contract and part of that work will be done in Mayville. For noise solutions they have dampeners and isolation pads to install. He stated that Maysteel also had punch presses and has been shutdown for five years. Rick discussed that there is a plan to spend \$50,000 on what they believe is causing the noise issue. He did ask what is good enough? If \$50,000 is spent and there is 60%-70% reduction in the noise level, will it be enough. Ald. Moede asked what else has been done for the noise. Rick Torn stated that the doors have been closed and radios have been turned off. Ald. Smith stated that part of the problem could be that the building is 75 years old and the fact that residents have moved in after Maysteel had left. Ald. Smith questioned if more equipment would be moved? Rick Torn answered that no more punch presses but high speed pneumatic presses would be moved in. Ald. Smith commented that the vibration may be going into the rock under the building and filling the pits of the presses with gel might help. The liquid could solve the vibration problem. Ald. Smith asked Rick Torn what had been done so far. Rick answered that they do have the sound deadening pads to install. Again, Rick Torn questioned what will be good enough. Mayor Heron stated that he found it very surprising that the citizens had an attorney. He believes they have been represented well with their city alderpersons. Hopefully, the issue will be resolved soon. Ald. Smith asked that MEC be given a chance. Ald. Voss mentioned that there was work there many years and then 5 years of quiet.

Item #9–Discuss/Approve Changing of Park Street and Evergreen Drive to one way with Evergreen Drive as the exit during the American Legion State Baseball Tournament July 29th – August 2nd.

Ald. Moede invited Dick Arndt to talk on the event. He discussed the item of changing Park Street and Evergreen Drive to be one way during the American Legion Baseball Event. This would ease congestion of traffic during the event. Volunteers will be on hand to control the traffic as well. Captain Chris MacNeill did not see an issue with this. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Voss to Approve Changing of Park Street and Evergreen Drive to one way with Evergreen Drive as the exit during the American Legion State Baseball Tournament July 29th – August 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10–Discuss EMS Coverage at the American Legion State Baseball Tournament July 29th – August 2nd.

Ald. Moede asked Deanna to read Christine Churchill’s comments for the event. Christine’s notes stated that it is the EMS Department’s goal to staff an ambulance at all games. There will also be an ambulance at the fireworks. It is important to remember that this time is unpaid to the EMT’s that volunteer.

Item #11– Discuss/Approve Picnic License for Main Street Mayville – Maxwell Street Days August 8, 2009.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Voss to Approve Picnic License for Main Street Mayville – Maxwell Street Days August 8, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Discuss/Approve closing of Allen Street for Maxwell Street Days Events.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Smith to Approve closing of Allen Street for Maxwell Street Days Events. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12– Discuss/Approve Picnic License for Mayville Lions Club – Maxwell Street Days August 8, 2009.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Voss to Approve Picnic License for Mayville Lions Club – Maxwell Street Days August 8, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #13– Discuss/Recommend Approval of Liquor/Beer License Application for Dan’s King Pin Family Fun Center.

Ald. Moede invited Dan Henke of Dan’s King Pin Family Fun Center to comment on Dan’s King Pin Family Fun Center. Dan noted that they are remodeling right now. Dan mentioned that they will have bumper bowling for kids. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Voss to Recommend Approval of Liquor/Beer License Application for Dan’s King Pin Family Fun Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #14–Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Smith to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk