

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 5:45 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Witte, Vice Chairman Dougherty, Alderman Panus, Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Witte called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, October 15, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

### 3. Unfinished Business

None

### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

#### a. Discussion – No Parking from Here to Corner, East Oak Street

Alderman Anastasia explained that he has a constituent who told him that he is “legally blind”, but is still able to drive. The constituent is having a hard time getting out of his driveway when he backs out, and is asking for a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign for no parking within 20 feet from the sidewalk. He explained that the diagram that he is presenting was prepared by Mr. Ring, and that he is not against having the signage installed. He explained that this is on East Oak Street on the right hand side where Walnut Street is.

Alderman Dougherty noted that twenty feet to the corner is no parking according to the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law anyways, and a sign is technically not needed. Alderman Anastasia noted that cars still park there regardless. Alderman Crawford asked if a sign is being added without an actual law change, and Alderman Anastasia responded that is correct. Alderman Witte asked if the fire or police chief have been checked with to sign off on this, and Mr. DiCerbo explained that he will look into this and get a definitive answer for a PL next week.

### 5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

Mayor Aiello explained that with the Bail and Discovery Reform that was effective 1/1/2020, he would like the Council to consider a resolution that the City wants the new legislation either rescinded or overturned. He explained that the way it looks, it will cost the City one person in the Police Department for a Discovery position, and he is sure that the committee members have read the horrible stories out there about the Bail reform. Alderman Gonzalez asked if there will be a resolution for the next meeting, and Mayor Aiello responded that there will be a resolution on the next regular meeting agenda with no PL, per Mr. DiCerbo.

Alderman Anastasia explained that he thinks that this is old business, but he has been contacted by a constituent on Spruce Street who feels that there is a speeding issue, as well as issues with the OATS bus on the street. He explained that he was informed that the Police Chief did a traffic study and found no issues. Mayor Aiello explained that traffic count and speeds were recorded, and there are no issues. He explained that it may appear that people are driving fast, but they are not. Alderman Crawford explained that it may be beneficial if the report is forwarded to Alderman Anastasia, and he believes that the previous Alderman in Ward 7 put in a PL for this issue, and it was voted down. Alderman Anastasia asked if the information could be forwarded to him, and Mayor Aiello suggested that he meet with the Police Chief so that different aspects of the report could be explained to him.

Alderman Panus explained that he had a constituent contact him regarding a parking space turning onto Bishop Street from Chestnut, and it sounds like everyone is aware of this and that it is possibly a valid issue, but he does not know where the City stands on it. Mayor Aiello explained that he has received the complaint that a fire truck couldn't get around the corner with cars parked near the corner, but that the previous Alderman in Ward 2 looked at the situation and the residents didn't seem to have any concern.

#### 6. Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session began at approximately 6:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn from executive session was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at approximately 6:18 p.m.

#### 7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Anastasia. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.