

CITY OF MARINETTE PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 08/20/18

1. 2nd Ward Alderperson Jeffrey Skorik, City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Chairperson, **called the meeting to order** at 05:30 PM in the Marinette City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1905 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI.
2. **Upon a call of the roll** it was determined a quorum of committee members were present and the following attendance was recorded:
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Hitt, Skorik, Noppenberg, Flatt & Walters.
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Sbar, Alderperson Kowalski, City Inspector Demlow, Chief Mabry, Code Enforcement Officer Cherry, Emma Kuhn & Lynette Brosig.
3. **Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.**
Alderpersons Hitt moved/Noppenberg seconded and all concurred (Skorik and Flatt abstained), to approve, as submitted, the City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee regular meeting minutes from 07/16/18.
4. **Police Department activity report.**
Police Chief Mabry prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Police Department's activity/operations report showing 12-month comparative prior and current year-to-date activity/call totals through today's date.
5. **Fire Department activity report.**
Fire Chief Heckel prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Fire Department's activity/operations report for the previous month.
6. **Building, Plumbing and Electrical Code Inspection activity reports.**
Municipal Building & Zoning Code Inspector Demlow prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet his building inspection office activity report showing current and prior year comparative year-to-date data through July 2018 of various permits and inspections completed by the Building Code Inspector's Office. The committee would like an update on various parcels that have pending issues.
7. **Municipal Code/Humane Officer's activity report.**
Municipal Code/Humane Officer Cherry prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet her Office's Animal Control activity report showing comparative prior and current year-to-date (through July 2018) detail of Department calls she received for various stray animals including dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks, deer and other animals along with documented reports of animals biting humans. Officer Cherry also included separate reports listing non-compliant property owners who had the following property issues: unlicensed vehicles stored in yards, unsightly debris scattered across yards, unkempt lawns, failure to provide timely sidewalk snow removal and illegal outdoor storage of appliances.
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding MMC 8.0101 Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses and review of the City of Green Bay's Municipal Code 8.11 "Noxious Weeds and Maintenance of Vegetation".**
Attorney Sbar informed the committee regarding a new law passed by the State of Wisconsin ordering municipalities to serve a letter to the property owner where there may be a tenant to give the landlord a notice the grass is not being cut. The Committee discussed options for the current ordinance as the Maintenance of grass is becoming an increasing problem in the City of Marinette. Options discussed were to have Code Enforcement Officer Cherry leave door tags for owner occupied residents and follow up with a letter to speed up the process. Now cherry has to mail a letter and the owner has 3 days to respond and cut the grass before she can notify Public Works to then cut the lawn and bill the owner. The committee tabled any action on the agenda item in order to give Attorney Sbar more time to research the details of the new State Law.
9. **Discussion and possible action regarding updates to 325 State St. and 706 Main St.**
Building Inspector Demlow gave a brief update on each property stating he has been trying to get in contact with the owner of 325 State St and has had no success as they reside in Menominee and do not respond to any letters sent or any previous visits. He left his business card with the owner of the resident and is hoping for a phone call.
Inspector Demlow currently met with the owner of 706 Main St and did an Inspection of the residents and did find some of the aspects of the home regarding the current permit have changed and the owner will need to update his permits according to the current ordinance and fee schedule.

Before adjourning the committee asked Building Inspector Demlow if he could give an update at the next Public Safety meeting regarding 1849,1851 and 1853 Wisconsin St.
10. **Adjourn.**
Alderpersons Noppenberg moved/Hitt seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 06:28 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

(The next regularly scheduled Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee meeting is Monday September 17, 2018 @ 05:30 PM, or immediately following the Civic Affairs, Cemetery, Traffic and Lights Committee meeting, whichever is later, within the Common Council Chambers.)