

## CITY OF MARINETTE PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 09/17/18

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Skorik, Noppenberg, Flatt & Walters.  
**ABSENT:** Alderperson Hitt  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Genisot, City Attorney Sbar, Alderperson Kowalski, Polzin, City Inspector Demlow, Chief Mabry, Code Enforcement Officer Cherry & Chief Heckel.
3. **Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.**  
Alderpersons Flatt moved/Noppenberg seconded and all concurred, to approve, as submitted, the City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee regular meeting minutes from 08/20/18.  
  
**At this time 2nd Ward Alderperson Jeffrey Skorik, City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Chairperson asked to rescind the order of the agenda and take action on item 9 next, with no objections the committee took action on #9.**
9. **Discussion and possible action regarding updates to 1849, 1851 & 1853 Wisconsin St.**  
Building Inspector Demlow gave a brief update on each property stating he has been trying to get in contact with the owner of 1849, 1851 & 1853 Wisconsin St. The three parcels are vacant at this time and are in need of repairs as the parcels are in disarray. The committee is asking Inspector Demlow to send owner a Certifies letter asking for a response within ten business days, and also reach out to WPS to make them aware the parcels are vacant.
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. Chief Heckel also reported the new Firefighter Alex Kurth is now on regular 24 hour shift rotation.
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 August 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 August 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. **Continued discussion and possible action regarding MMC 8.0108 Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses in light of 2017 Wisconsin Act 317 (see attached).**  
Attorney Sbar briefed 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 Code Enforcement officer must send a first class letter each time before a fee can be charged. The committee discussed options for snow/ice removal as the new law only enforces for length of grass. The committee agreed to the means of notification to have Code Enforcement Officer Cherry leave door tags for snow/ice removal within a three day period. Cherry stated she will notify vacant property owners with a letter.
10. **Adjourn.**  
Alderpersons Noppenberg moved/Flatt seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 06:15 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

*(The next regularly scheduled Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee meeting is Monday October 8th, 2018 @ 05:30 PM, or immediately following the Civic Affairs, Cemetery, Traffic and Lights Committee meeting, whichever is later, within the Common Council Chambers.)*