

## PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

The stated meeting for the month of January was held in the Conference Room, of the Stewart Centre, on the above date with Mr. Willging, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Willging, Mr. Détente, Mr. Harn, Mr. Senn, Mr. Clukey and Ms. Boynton. Absent was Mr. Parker.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2011 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Détente, seconded by Mr. Clukey.

Mr. Willging reported that Chairman Blum has sent a letter to the City requesting information on the sewer, water supply, and substructure around the Civil War Monument. Concrete barriers have been placed around the Civil War Monument to protect it from this winter's snow and salt. Mr. Stadermann reported that he found an article in the library archives, concerning construction of the Civil War Monument. Mr. Stadermann distributed copies of the article. A report was given on the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mr. Jackson, from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Mr. Jackson noted that the inner structure is good, but several stones had been broken off and the lime base mortar is crumbling. The Civil War Monument is well constructed, with a stable base. It was noted that traffic vibration is a factor that could cause future deterioration. Austin Bowers reported that Mr. Jackson had suggested the Civil War Monument not be moved. He is planning a community fund raiser for the Civil War Monument. The event may include a dinner, bake sale, displays, auction, and fun fair, with a tentative date in June. Austin Bowers and his grandmother are looking for donations and volunteers for this event.

Mr. Groves handed out two reports, a "Statement of Work" and "Goals for 2012". Mr. Groves reported that his office will see reduced funding. The objectives for 2012 are to maintain current equipment, update NIMS classes, and recertify existing NIMS qualifiers. The State is mandating more requirements. Mr. Holbert plans to retire. Mr. Groves has made a list of requirements for the part-time position and hopes to hire a replacement by March. Mr. Groves has moved his office to the conference room and his old office will be the communication center. The communication center is still waiting on equipment to be installed and when completed he will start training volunteers.

The Sheriff expressed his concerns on the issue of manual checks. The Sheriff has a squad car payment due January 5<sup>th</sup> and the Treasurer is reluctant to issue the \$40,000 check. The Sheriff read from the State Statutes, concerning operation of his office, and further explained the amount for the loan was approved in the 2012 budget by the County Board. Chairman Willging had a discussion with the Treasurer on the meaning of the ordinance, and there seems to be a conflict between the State Statutes and a County Ordinance. Mr. Clukey asked about the State's Attorney's opinion. The Sheriff is waiting to hear from the State's Attorney. The consensus of the Committee was to wait for an opinion from the State's Attorney, and if the State's Attorney advised it was OK, the check should be issued.

The Sheriff reported on two bad accidents in December, with one fatality and of a theft by deception. The jail population was down during the holidays, but the population is starting to increase. Chairman Willging asked about the jail inspection from the Department of Corrections, with the Sheriff replying that an inspection could be done at any time. The U.S. Marshals also inspect the jail. The Sheriff talked about a staffing analysis and ratio of Correctional Officers to inmates, which should be 1 to 6. The current number of employees is 22. Correctional Officer Mike Brown retired December 31, 2011, due to health issues. The Sheriff complimented Correctional Officer Brown for his good service. The vacant position will be filled soon.

Mr. Willging said that the group monitoring the consolidation of the City-County 9-1-1 service did not meet in December. He is planning to call the group back together, along with the Sheriff and Chief Whitmore.

There was no report on the reallocation of Courthouse space.

The scheduled Executive Session was not needed.

Claims of \$30,212.78 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Clukey, seconded by Mr. Harn.

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Clukey, seconded by Mr. Harn.

Approved: February 7, 2012

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Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012 6:30 p.m.  
Stewart Centre Board Room