

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2016

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In Attendance:	Chairman	Alderman Johnnie Anthony	
	Members	Alderman Joe Hazel Alderman Kent Randle Alderman Paul Seibert	Alderman Jane Pusa Alderman Phil Silsby Alderman Jim Musgrove
	Staff	Police Chief William Clay Mayor Mark Eckert	Fire Chief Tom Pour City Treasurer Dean Hardt
	Guests	Alderman Mike Buettner Alderman Raffi Ovian Lillian Schneider Alicia Bradley Dianne Rogge Daniel Bradley T. Kirkwood	Alderman Roger Wigginton Police Lt. Matt Eiskant Michael Hagberg Debbie Verges Walter A. Dunn Gloria Crowder Jordan Dunn

Alderman Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Phil Elmore was excused. The Emergency Evacuation Plan was explained. Introductions were made. Motion made by Alderman Seibert, seconded by Alderman Silsby to approve the minutes from January 11, 2016. All present voted Aye, motion carried.

Public Participation

Dianne Rogge stated her concern about Lindenwood bonfires/recreational fires the students are having. Parking issues are still there. What are the regulations for fires?

Alicia Bradley asking when the new parking will go into effect that was changed by the Zoning Board. It is a safety issue and a problem for the neighborhoods.

Michael Hagberg is also concerned about the safety issue as cars are parking across the sidewalk and people have to walk in the street to get around. Feels parking issues aren't being enforced.

Chief Clay commented if a car is parked over the sidewalk, that is enforceable by ordinance, and can be ticketed. Some parking issues will need to be addressed by Lindenwood officials, the police department cannot enforce policy issues from a school.

Alderman Buettner agrees the Chief cannot enforce policies of Lindenwood, the problem is Lindenwood is not enforcing their policies. Parking is a nightmare. Mr. Buettner asking when the community meeting is going to be and hopes it's before the end of the school year. He was told that there is 24-hour security, but has called all hours of the day and night, and once two students actually showed up. He doesn't feel police should have to show up for late night parties, it should be campus security. If campus security would patrol, they'd see and hear all what's going on. Belleville should not be the security for Lindenwood, and if they're going to have to do it, hire them to patrol and pay them. He's glad they're here, but just wants them to be a good neighbor.

Gloria Crowder asked if there was an Advisory Board between the neighborhood, the community and the University. She thinks there would be a need for that. Mayor Eckert thinks eventually there could be an Advisory Board, but first there will be a quarterly meeting with city staff, the Mayor, Lt. Eiskant and others along with Lindenwood. Then they will set up an annual meeting with Dr. Barger and the neighbors.

Lillian Schneider commented that these are young adults and not kids and should have same consequences as adults. If they can't behave, they should be sent home.

Alderman Wigginton asked about a program Lindenwood once had where officers took classes then volunteered as part of their class. Do they still have that? Some agencies do that for college credits; however, if a criminal matter does occur, Belleville PD will still have to respond. But the issue seems to be policy infractions with Lindenwood and not a police matter. If it's a criminal offense, ordinance violation or fight, the Police Department will handle it. Alderman Wigginton would like to see if they have the work/study program there, and if so, do they have a set schedule. Lt. Eiskant indicated that County deputies are currently working through that program.

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Alderman Wigginton would like to know how many. He also states that the Zoning Board set forth various stipulations; they need to be followed through for all the neighbors.

Alicia Bradley asking that Lindenwood just follow the same regulations as the residents and have common courtesy.

Chairman Anthony stated they are very aware of what's happening at Lindenwood, but feels the communication problem is between the school management and the students, but knows it eventually will work out.

Alderman Hazel stated that when the meeting with Lindenwood does occur, it should be suggested that whomever is allowed to have vehicles (underclassman), maybe a sticker system should be used and the parking lot must be required.

Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Pour stated Alderman Oviaan wanted to talk about a couple of inspections (in his district) that need to be completed by May 1st that are extensive in repairs. If repairs aren't made by that time, there will be no new occupancy permits issued and legal action will be started with the City Attorney to close them down.

Chief Pour gathering information and fees from other communities on what they are charging contractors for sprinkler systems, alarm systems etc. Fees will be charged to the contractor and not the residents.

Police Department

None.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Alderman Randle asked Chief Clay if information was forthcoming on Fire Marshal from January meeting. Issue pending.

Motion made at 6:49 p.m. by Alderman Randle, seconded by Alderman Seibert to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

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