



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Marvin Block called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for February 1, 2022 to order at 5:55 pm

Members Present - Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

Absent - Ben Lee

Staff present - Jack Liggett, Mayor Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Sharon Hendren, Chief Haroon, Deputy Chief Smart, Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Dave Douglas, Travis McIntyre, Jacob Froelich

2. Action On Minutes

a. December 7, 2021

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve; Doug Lehner seconded and both were in favor.

AYES: Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 – 0

3. Construction Project Updates

Jack Liggett provided project updates. Added that he had a meeting with the engineer to define processes at the water plant and get the number down so we can apply for money by mid-March. Will also be meeting with wastewater engineers and the EPA.

Mr. Block opened the floor to Public Comments:

2021 Committee Goals

1. Update security in water plant, sewer plant and service departments - In progress
 2. Investigate window security and replacement for admin and council chambers - Improvements made with the remodel; revisit window replacement in 2022
 3. Install street lights where needed to improve visibility - Moved to Finance Committee
 4. Conduct crime mapping - In progress/Police Chief
 5. Sidewalk program
 6. Create dangerous street tree removal policy - Moved to Tree Commission
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1. Jacob Froelich

- Lives in the new Creekside Preserve, on the corner of Fox Drive and Racoon. Concerned that Fox Drive serves as a cut-through from US 62 to Mink Road and people speed through there. Has tried to work with Pulte and his HOA, would like to find out how he can get the stop sign at the corner to become a four way stop instead of two way, to mitigate traffic speeds.

Mr. Liggett said there are speed limit signs and that speeding is an enforcement issue. Added that he personally does not have a problem with making that a four-way stop, said the developer plans do not show that but he also has seen people cutting through. Mr. Block said our leverage is that the city has not accepted those streets yet. Mr. Liggett said he would recommend to Council that it should be a four-way stop and asked if Chief Haroon had an opinion. Chief Haroon said he also supports the four-way at Fox and Racoon but also believes there should be another one at Bigelow and Racoon. Added that there are a significant number of complaints that come to his desk in reference to speed, they have done a lot of enforcement in the area; does feel the stop sign is warranted. Mr. Liggett said he would be able to get the sign up.

- Residents have had problems with snow and ice in the last couple months; the city does not plow the streets, Pulte does, and they do not plow unless it gets to two inches and then they do not get to it until end of next day. Said that school busses, Police and Fire come up and down their roads and their streets are not safe because they are sheets of ice.

Mr. Block said we are not going to come in there and start plowing until we accept the streets. Said if residents want to do something about it, they should call 4, 6 and 10, stand by the Pulte sign and have them come take pictures of the streets, when it hits the news they will do something about it.

4. Pulte - Route 62/Bigelow Drive Intersection - update

Mr. Liggett said he spoke with Brad Kitchen who came back with a number of questions; he contacted Prime Engineering to get us a proposal on what changes would be needed to turn the drive lane section of the Alterra parking lot into a public street.

5. County ARPA fund application - update

Jack Liggett and Mayor Dutcher attended a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss Johnstown's request for some of the county ARPA funds to reline city sewer lines. Mayor Dutcher said the proposal was received positively although no commitments were made. Johnstown will wait to hear what project requests the Commissioners are able to fund, there has been no list released as of yet.

6. City Lighting - conversion to LED

Lights are being converted to LED as ballasts go out and lights need replaced, approximately eight were done last month.

7. Intel Plant - considerations for Johnstown

Mayor Dutcher said the city can expect a call from the Intel marketing team; they would like insight on the City of Johnstown, schools and residents. He added that he knows there are questions about how many people, traffic etc. and there is a lot of anxiety in this community

about the project because folks don't have answers; he is going to try and get those answers.

8. Power Outage Preparedness/City Warming Center

Discussion and decision to open Council Chambers to be used as a warming center for residents in the event of a power outage. Staff to purchase ten cases of water to be available.

9. Mayor's Court discussion/consideration

a. Mayor's Court Report

Chief Haroon provided and reviewed a report outlining Mayor's Court and what it means to the community. Chief said he would like to increase fines to be comparable with other jurisdictions and has also been working on adopting more things to put through Mayor's Court. Currently they do not send any criminal charges through, are sending traffic only. Chief Haroon provided a criminal affidavit manual he has been working on for committee review. Chief proposes that if profits are seen in the future, he would like to see the money go to community-based safety programs like Click-it-or-Ticket, OVI enhancement overtime, other traffic and safety enforcement overtime, and to help programs such as National Night Out. Chief Haroon said it is his recommendation to keep Johnstown's longstanding Mayor's Court and support it as it has been for more than thirteen decades. It will be a tool to help the growing community.

Marvin Block said he was not very happy about the way things are going right now; he referred to an edict on citation quotas for officers; Chief Haroon said that has since been redacted. Discussion and questions answered on the Bailiff mandate for Mayor's Court, Clerk of Court duties that would fall on officers if Mayor's Court were abolished, and profit and or loss of the court.

Mayor Dutcher said they would discuss more on this in a couple weeks to further explore Mayor's Court.

10. Other Business

No further business.

11. Adjourn

ACTION:	Doug Lehner moved to Adjourn; Marvin Block seconded and both were in favor.
AYES:	Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 2 - 0

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:50 pm.