

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2016**

Chairman Ed Meier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present were: Ed Meier, Bob Smith, Barbara West, Jeff Lofton, John Koester, and Alderman Fields. Due to another meeting, Lt. Willis could only attend briefly. There was one guest in attendance – Rhodia Sleet.

First item of discussion was ongoing problems with derelict and eyesore vehicles. Everyone agreed as long as the vehicles were properly licensed, there is very little that can be done to solve the problem. However, Lt. Willis stated that a vehicle which constituted a hazard could be ticketed. He cited examples such as a vehicle leaking fluids or having broken glass could be considered a public safety hazard.

Next subject was burned out street lights. Recommendation was that property owners get the pole number off the ID plate, and then call both the utility company and City Clerk with the information. The City Clerk keeps a record of these calls and forwards them to the appropriate utility.

A question was raised on the progress of striping crosswalks on City Streets. Two members of the Committee (Barbara West and John Koester) volunteered to drive around and check the situation at the local schools. They will report to Alderman Fields so he can relay the information at the Board of Aldermen meeting Feb. 4.

Two comments were raised on the entrance to City Hall. Barbara West relayed a request that the curbs at the entrance to the lot be painted in a “high visibility” color. Bob Smith commented that the spotlights on the flag pole are a nighttime distraction to drivers at the stop sign looking north on Bellefontaine Road.

There was a brief discussion regarding Bellefontaine Neighbors PD taking part in a program or course at Florissant Valley Community College.

There was some general discussion on the lack of civility and when and how concerned citizens should become involved. Lt. Willis recommended that people called the police immediately they observe suspicious behavior and give the dispatcher as much information as possible. The longer people wait to call, the longer the police response time will be. Bob Smith suggested we consider a program to renew citizen involvement in the community.

There was a complaint that Ted Stocker had recently parked his vehicle in a traffic lane at Bellefontaine and St. Cyr roads, forcing drivers to shift to the oncoming lane to get around his vehicle.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The next meeting is February 25, 2016

Respectfully Submitted

John Koester