

**MARCH 4, 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, and Tim Shaw. Paul Davis was not present. Also present were Mayor Chris Lund, Police Chief Robert Kowalski, City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, and City Clerk Wendy Loveland.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, March 1, 2024 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, City Hall and the City's website.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES:**

A Shaw/Burdick motion to approve the January 16, 2023 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPGRADING THE CELLPHONES USED IN SQUADS:**

Chief Kowalski stated that each squad currently has a flip phone and he would like to upgrade to smart phones for the following reasons: officers would be able to view body camera footage using the phone for report writing in squads; and the smart phone has a camera that will allow officers to take and transmit photographs. The cost of the service upgrade would be \$877 for the remainder of the year.

A Shaw/Burdick motion to upgrade the squad cell phones passed on a 2/0 roll call vote.

**DISCUSS THE RAPID FLASHING CROSSING SIGNS:**

Chief Kowalski stated that there are currently 3 rapid flashing signs in the city. Since installing the signs, officers have seen an improvement with pedestrian crossing safely. Chief Kowalski would like to purchase 2 more rapid flashing crossing signs next year. Recommendations for placement of the signs would be the intersections of IKI and Marlboro, N Main St and Ladd Ln, or N Main St and Rollin St.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE RAMIFICATIONS OF SPECIAL EVENTS OPERATING PAST SET TIME LIMIT:**

Chief Kowalski stated that events that are scheduled to end at midnight are not ending at the set time. He is bringing this to the committees attention in the hopes of coming up with a solution before the next scheduled events.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EMERGENCY CALL BUTTON OUTSIDE POLICE STATION:**

Chief Kowalski stated there is a pay phone outside the Police Station and he recommends we install an emergency call button in its place. Chief Kowalski will get quotes and check with Rock County if this is possible for the call button to ring directly to the County.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLICITAION HOURS:**

Clerk Wendy Loveland stated that City Hall staff have received numerous complaints regarding solicitors knocking on doors after 8:00pm. Staff researched other communities and found that most communities prohibit evening solicitations after 7:00pm or 8:00pm. The current ordinance

prohibits solicitors from calling on any dwelling between the hours of 9:00pm and 9:00am. Staff recommends amending the ordinance to prohibit solicitation between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:00am.

A Shaw/Burdick motion to update the solicitation hours to end at 7:00pm and start again at 9:00am passed on a 2/0 roll call vote.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:**

Chief Kowalski stated that they're currently understaffed but have one new officer who is in the academy.

Being no other business before the Public Safety Committee, a Shaw/Burdick motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Robert Kowalski/Ino  
Police Chief