

Public Safety Committee Meeting January 17, 2017

The Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Members John Uden, Jeff Erlenbusch, Brant Kassner and Ken Gardner. Also present were Mayor John Hollowell, Fire Chief Gary Warren, Fire Captain Mike Miller, Firefighter Tanner Harbaugh, Firefighter Jake Richards and Committee Recorder Linda Wilkins.

Chairperson Uden called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens
None

2. Committee Member Comments
Member Kassner commented that the election of the Chairperson should be prior to conducting any business.

***Committee Member Kassner moved to move item 4 of the agenda to item 3, seconded by Committee Member Gardner and passed unanimously.*

3. Elect Committee Chairperson

***Committee Member Uden moved to nominate Ken Gardner as Chairperson, seconded by Committee Member Kassner.*

***Committee Member Kassner moved to nominate Jeff Erlenbusch as Chairperson, seconded by Committee Member Gardner.*

***Committee Member Uden moved that nominations cease, seconded by Committee Member Gardner.*

Votes to confirm

Ken Gardner – 3 yeas, 1 nay

Jeff Erlenbusch – 1 yea, 3 nays

By a majority vote Ken Gardner was elected as Chairperson.

4. Review and make recommendation on Fire Department Resolution concerning response fees

Committee Members had been contacted by numerous members of the community concerning the economic impact this additional charge would have on them and their insurance rates. Mayor Hollowell reminded the Committee Members that the Finance Committee considers revenue issues and the Public Safety Committee considers all policy matters of the Fire Department. So is the issue at hand a policy or a fee? He commented that he spoke with City Attorney

Rice. City Attorney Rice informed the Mayor that Prairie County also has a policy charging this fee for accident response, but not to the residents. Chairperson Gardner would like to see the resolution amended not to include the citizens of Miles City when the response fee is assessed.

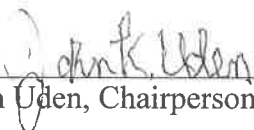
***Committee Member Uden moved the resolution governing the added response fees for the Fire Department will not be presented to the local citizens of Miles City or their insurance carriers, seconded by Jeff Erlenbusch. Roll call vote Committee Members Kassnar, nay; Erlenbusch, yea; Gardner, nay; Uden, yea. Resulting in a tie Vote 2-2.*

5. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Erlenbusch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Kassner and **passed** unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Uden, Chairperson



Linda Wilkins, Recorder