Public Safety Committee Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order by Chair Ruskusky

2. Roll Call

3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda

4. Motion to Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of **June 21, 2023**

5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Report from **May 2023**

6. City Administrator's Report

7. Public Comment

8. Code Enforcement Report
    a. Permit List
    b. Work Order List
    c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – no report
    d. Nuisance Properties
    e. Case Detail Report
    f. Case Summary List

9. Unfinished Business
    a. Slow Down West Peoria – Radar Review
    b. Walk the Wards – update
    c. Tree replacement – update
    d. ProChamps/Hera Property Registry – no report

10. New Business

11. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Review of Previous Minutes 5 ILCS Section 2 (c) (21) (Illinois Compiled Statutes)

12. Return to Regular Session
    Roll Call

13. Actions arising from Executive Session
    a. Motion to Approve of Minutes of the Executive Session of January 18, 2023
    b. Motion to Release/Retain Minutes of the Executive Session of January 18, 2023

14. Public Comment

15. Motion to Adjourn

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Notice of Potential Majority of Quorum of the City Council and its Committees

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120 (the Illinois Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that a majority of a quorum of the West Peoria City Council and its Committees may attend this meeting. This event is designed to discuss City matters according to Committee descriptions.

Public Safety Committee Official Minutes
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Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Chair Ruskusky called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Members present were Chair Ruskusky and Alderperson Abraham. Alderperson Menke was absent. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Alderperson Dohm, residents Marlene Carter, Bonnie Farrell, Kim Hanks, Priscilla Peterson, and Clerk Barnes. Residents Susan Schlupp and John Siewert II attended remotely.

3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.

4. A Motion to approve the Minutes from the **June 21, 2023** regular meeting was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

5. A Motion to receive and file the Monthly Financial Report from **May 2023** was made by Alderperson and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

6. City Administrator's Report – There is nothing at this time.

7. Public Comment – It was suggested that perhaps to help with crime efforts in our community we should get to know our neighbors better by learning who lives on either side of us, across the street and on either side of them. We could know them, the vehicles attached to that address, and watch to see if there is anything unusual, even calling the police if necessary. We don't want to be "nosy" neighbors but want to help protect each other and their property.

8. Code Enforcement Report:
    a. Permit List – was reviewed.
    b. Work Order List – was reviewed.
    c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – There is no report at this time.
    d. Nuisance Properties – There is no list at this time.
    e. Case Detail List – was reviewed. There are only 33 open cases at this time.
    f. Case Summary List – was reviewed. Year-to-date through June 29, 2023 there have been 641 violations: 161 weeds/debris premises free and clean; 156 of grass height, 105 wrong-way parking, and 27 parking on unpaved surfaces were the among the highest numbers of violations.

9. Unfinished Business:
    a. Slow Down West Peoria – The Monthly Radar Review was discussed. This Month's report included Sterling Avenue from Heading Avenue to Rohmann Avenue, and Sterling Avenue from Rohmann Avenue to Heading Avenue.
    Also in this month was a report for Rohmann Avenue from Sterling Avenue to Swords Avenue and Rohmann Avenue from Swords Avenue to Sterling Avenue.
    It was observed that there were several speeders, but the daily average was still under the posted limit. These reviews will be given to the community officers.

    b. Walk the Wards update: It was last held Saturday July 15th. There was one additional helper this month. Please come and help us clean up the "hot spots" of trash. Neighbors cheered on the volunteers and appreciate what they were doing.

The next Walk the Wards is scheduled for August 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

c. There was no tree replacement update at this time.

d. ProChamps/Hera Property Registry – The agreement with Hera has been signed and we are waiting until the information is transitioned. One resident asked for an explanation of what this was all about and was informed by Administrator Krider.

10. There was no New Business.

11. A Motion to go into Executive Session for Review of Previous Minutes 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) was made by Alderperson Abraham at 6:50 p.m. and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

12. Return to Regular Session at 6:57 p.m.
Roll Call: Chair Ruskusky, Alderperson Abraham.

13. Actions arising from Executive Session:
    a. A Motion to Approve of Minutes of the Executive Session of **January 18, 2023** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

    b. A Motion to Release the Minutes of the Executive Session of **January 18, 2023** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

    c. A Motion to Approve of Minutes of the Executive Session of **September 1, 1998** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

    d. A Motion to Release the Minutes of the Executive Session of **September 1, 1998** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

14. Public Comment – It was on the news that the Peoria Heights Fire Department entered into an agreement with the Peoria Fire Department. Is that a good deal? Would this have to happen sometime for our Fire Department or Bartonville's Fire Department? Chair Ruskusky couldn't answer without knowledge of what the contract includes.
There was a lengthy discussion concerning the lack of communication between the City Council, the Public Safety Committee, the Sheriff's Office, deputies, and the Neighborhood Watch with citizens to keep them informed about public safety in our City.

15. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Abraham at 7:14 p.m. and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Barnes

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