



Public Safety Committee Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Wednesday, May 17, 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 of the Regular Meeting from **April 19, 2023**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **March 2023**
6. City Administrator's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Code Enforcement Report
 - a. Permit List
 - b. Work Order List – no report
 - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List
 - d. Nuisance Properties – no report
 - e. Case Detail Report
 - f. Case Summary List
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Clean-up Day report
 - b. Slow Down West Peoria – Radar Data
 - c. Walk the Wards – May 20th
 - d. Tree replacement update
 - e. FY2023 Goals
10. New Business
11. Public Comment
12. Motion to Adjourn

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*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

West Peoria City Hall

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Chair Ruskusky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members present were Chair Ruskusky and Alderperson Abraham. Also present were Mayor Dillon, City Administrator Krider, Alderpersons Dohm and Mathewson, residents Marlene Carter, Mike Menke, Priscilla Peterson, and Clerk Barnes.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to approve the Minutes from the **April 19, 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 **March 2023** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**
6. City Administrator's Report – She has been busy wrapping up the report for Clean-up Day and working on Walk the Wards on May 20th and the Memorial Day Service on May 27, 2023 at the War Memorial at the corner of Heading and Sterling at 10 a.m.
7. There was no Public Comment.
8. Code Enforcement Report:
 - a. Permit List – was reviewed.
 - b. Work Order List – There is no report at this time.
 - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – There are 22 at this time, all status quo.
 - d. Nuisance Properties – There is no report at this time.
 - e. Case Detail List – was reviewed.
 - f. Case Summary List – There were 381 cases year-to-date: 98 Garbage, weeds, and debris violations, 82 wrong-way parking violations, 42 snow ban violations, 29 Weeds grass/Height violations.
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Clean-up Day report: It was a great turnout. 8 dumpsters were filled, (compared to 6.5 last year) 28 pallets of electronics were collected, (about half that many last year) 3.47 tons of metal for which we received \$625.00, (only about 2 tons last year), and over 70 tires were brought in and \$216.00 was collected in fees. Dumpsters were donated by Waste Management. It was pointed out that this is not a money-making event for the City. Administrator Krider also thanked all the volunteers without whose help this success would not happen.
 - b. Slow Down West Peoria – Radar Data
This month's report dealt with radar measured on Waverly from Kellogg to Ayres, Waverly from Ayres to Kellogg; and Kenwood from Swords to Idaho, and Kenwood from Idaho to Swords. There were 84 speeding tickets issued in April. With the exception of Kenwood from Idaho to Swords, the other streets in the data this month ran below average speed.

- c. Walk the Wards – May 20, 2023 – Meeting at 9 a.m. at City Hall for gloves, bags, pickup sticks, and perhaps coffee and a donut, assignments for which Ward will be given. Volunteers are needed! Any amount of time will help.
- d. Tree replacement update – Gathering information about the process of writing a Tree Plan for the City. The group will be contacting the town of Godfrey, IL (population of about 1,700) about how they developed their plan. More to come as information is gathered.
- e. **The Committee will vote on approval of their 2024 Fiscal Year Goals next month:**
 - 1) Review City Code sections pertaining to Public Safety and pursue revisions as needed to promote a better quality of life for residents in West Peoria.
 - 2) Monitor potential improvements in animal control.
 - 3) Address nuisance properties.
 - 4) Work with various entities to improve street lighting within the city.
 - 5) Enact a “Slow Down West Peoria” campaign to slow down drivers.
 - 6) Research all the aspects of what the Public Safety Committee is in charge of and work with fellow members of the committee and Council on potential improvements and innovations.
 - 7) Continue working on the speed limit and signage issues.
 - 8) Develop and survey residents about some of the issues – public involvement.
 - 9) Community clean-up initiative:
 - a) Consider the placement of public garbage cans to help the public properly dispose of the garbage while walking.
 - b) Continue West Peoria Clean-up days and expand where needed.

10. There was no New Business.

11. Public Comment: It was suggested that Code Enforcement Officer Roma Wallace use door hangers designed for various code violations to make first contact with homeowners to try to speed up the process. It was suggested that the door hangers be of large print and bright colors to distinguish them from businesses that leave door hangers.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Abraham at 6:59 p.m. and seconded by Chair Ruskusky.
Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,


 Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

