



**Public Safety Committee Agenda**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of **May 15, 2024**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **April 2024**
6. City Administrator's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Code Enforcement Report
  - a. Permit List
  - b. Work Order List
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List
  - d. Open Case Report
  - e. Case Summary List
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
  - a. Section 4-1-6 Declaration of Weeds as a Nuisance and review proposed Native Plant language
11. Public Comment
12. Motion to Adjourn

**The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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### FISCAL YEAR 2025 GOALS

- 1) Review City Code sections pertaining to Public Safety and pursue revisions as needed to promote 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.

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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.*

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**Public Safety Committee Official Minutes**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 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. Alderperson Menke was absent. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Alderpersons Dohm and Mathewson, residents Marlene Carter, Priscilla Peterson, and Dave Pittman, and Clerk Barnes. Alderperson Silver and resident Susan Schlupp attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to approve the Minutes from the **May 15, 2024** 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 **April 2024** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Chair Ruskusky. **Motion carried.**
6. The City Administrator's Report included that she and Code Enforcement Officer Wallace have been working with the new software for the reports given. Their goal is to have their updates made by the time the previous contract expires.
7. There was no Public Comment at this time.
8. Code Enforcement Report:
  - a. Permit List – was reviewed. There are lots of new solar permits given out. The house on Barker that burned is set to be demolished by next week.
  - b. Work Order List – was reviewed. This list is also growing.
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – was reviewed.
  - d. Open Case Report - was reviewed.
  - e. Case Summary List – Of the 642 Year – to – Date violations, (January through May 31, 2024) 165 were for Wrong-way parking; 153 were for Weeds/Grass Height; and 109 were for Weeds/Debris.
9. There was no Unfinished Business.
10. New Business:
  - a. Section 4-1-6 Declaration of Weeds as a Nuisance and review proposed Native Plant language Dave Pittman addressed the Committee members and explained what he had in mind for changing the Code Book. This led to a lengthy discussion about expectations and possible future reactions. There is obviously a huge need for education about what Native Plants are, how they help the environment, prejudices against a perceived problem of lazy people just trying to get away with not mowing their lawns, and what would be the process of getting a permit to do this on a homeowner's property. **This topic will remain on the agenda in the coming months.**
11. Public Comment: Question about how plans are coming along for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Things are going well.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Abraham at 7:31 p.m. and seconded by Chair Ruskusky.  
**Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

