



**Public Safety Committee Agenda**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 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 **January 18, 2023**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **December 2022**
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. Nuisance Properties
  - e. Case Detail Report
  - f. Case Summary List
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. Review and recommend to Council Waste Management contract proposal
  - b. FY2024 Budget – discussion
  - c. Review Code Section 4-1-5 Regulation of Containers for Garbage, Weeds and Debris
  - d. Slow Down West Peoria
10. New Business
  - a. Review and recommend to Council Downs Circle No Parking sign
11. Public Comment
12. 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.*

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**Public Safety Committee Official Minutes**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Chair Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. due to technical problems with the computer.
2. Members present were Chair Reagan, Alderpersons Thomas and Edmonds. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Alderpersons Abraham and Dohm, residents Marlene Carter, Bonnie Farrell, and Priscilla Peterson, guest David Schaab with Waste Management, and Clerk Barnes. Attending remotely were Alderpersons Mathewson and Silver, and resident Susan Schlupp.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to approve the Minutes from the **January 18, 2023** regular meeting was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Alderperson Thomas. **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to receive and file the Monthly Financial Report from **December 2022** was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Alderperson Thomas. **Motion carried.**
6. City Administrator's Report included she has been working on the FY2024 Budget Draft and some of the recommendations for this evening.
7. There was no Public Comment.
8. Code Enforcement Report:
  - a. Permit List – was reviewed.
  - b. Work Order List – was reviewed.
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – was reviewed.
  - d. Nuisance Properties – no list active at this time.
  - e. Case Detail List – was reviewed.
  - f. Case Summary List – was reviewed. There have been 94 cases in January: 42 violations of the snow ban, 18 concerning garbage, 10 concerning totes and 8 with wrong-way parking.
9. Unfinished Business:

Chair Reagan stepped out of the room for the discussion at 6:42 p.m.

Dave Schaab from Waste Management spoke to the group about the contract extension, the increase of rates and why – both price index and the price of diesel fuel are the two main areas boosting that increase. He also spoke to the new service providing removal of substances not able to be removed at this time such as paint, solvents, electronics and large furniture. He hopes to be able to add this service by early fall after state approval in late summer.

  - a. A Motion to recommend to Council Waste Management contract extension proposal at 12.5% increase for the-year extension time was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Alderperson Thomas. Chair Reagan abstained. **Motion carried.**

Chair Reagan rejoined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

  - b. FY2024 Budget – discussion - One of the largest Budget item increases is that for police services at almost \$140,000.00. Some of that increase is because we now have a dedicated 3<sup>rd</sup> shift officer. Some monies may be used to help pay for the increase from bike patrols when that line item would not be used due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. Our 1<sup>st</sup> shift

officer has been quite busy writing tickets for speeding especially in the school zone and for snow ban parking violations. The City is looking forward to Deputy Gilmore returning to active duty on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift in our City the first of March. Next month the Committee will be signing off on their part of the FY2024 Budget and sending it to the Finance Committee who sends it to Council in April for approval. **If any member has any questions or concerns about the Draft Budget, please contact the Administrator so she can process them before next month's meeting.**

- c. Review Code Section 4-1-5 Regulation of Containers for Garbage, Weeds and Debris - The Committee members thought inclusion of the words "the side or rear yard" should be kept and clarifying that the totes should always be within the property lot lines. A question concerning apartments needing to have and keep enclosures for their dumpsters was raised. This will be addressed at another time.
- d. Slow Down West Peoria – There was a comment made that at a previous meeting one of the officers said something about his liking to "educate drivers" about the speed limits. The suggestion was made that people have been warned and now need to be ticketed not educated. Another idea was to put "strictly enforced" signs at the bottom of speed limit signs so drivers will be aware that if they speed, they will get a ticket. Maybe social media should be used to post how many tickets for speeding were given in the previous month in West Peoria. Perhaps more signs in yards could be used, but make them our own signs, not just ones issued by the Sheriff's Department. People get used to seeing the same yellow ones and quit reading them. It was noted that spring brings out the speeders more than the winter months when road conditions can be trickier.

10. New Business:

- a. A Motion to recommend to Council Downs Circle No Parking sign was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Alderperson Thomas. Parking next to the curb inside the circle is causing a "pinch point" for garbage trucks, fire, ambulance and even other vehicles. It was suggested that the No Parking signs be put up and perhaps have the inside curbing painted red to bring attention to it. **Motion carried.**

11. Public Comment: Priscilla Peterson remarked that she is continuing to research a possible tree plan for the City of West Peoria in the hopes that trees that have been removed through construction, sidewalk projects, and the like, can be replaced. She will email information to the Administrator including resources. Trees fall under Code Book Title 4, Section 8, so information will be directed to the Public Safety Committee.

The Residents' Association is meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. here at City Hall. Fire Chief Schadt will be the guest speaker concerning the new laws about fire detectors and Knox Boxes. All are welcome.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Edmonds at 7:47 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Thomas. **Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,

*Mary M. Barnes*

Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

