



**Public Safety Committee Agenda**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 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 **October 16, 2024**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **September 2024**
6. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **October 2024**
7. City Administrator's Report
8. Public Comment
9. Code Enforcement Reports through **November 4, 2024**
  - a. Permit List
  - b. Work Order List
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List
  - d. Open Case Report
  - e. Case Summary List
10. Unfinished Business
  - a. Motion to recommend to Council **Section 4-1 Garbage, Weeds and Debris** language amendments regarding vegetation
  - b. Motion to recommend to Council **Section 4-10 Open Burning Policy** language amendments
11. New Business
12. Public Comment
13. Motion to Adjourn

**The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:30p.m.**

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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, December 18, 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, Alderpersons Abraham and Menke. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Alderperson Mathewson, residents Bonnie Farrell, Joe and Kim Hanks, and David Pittman, and Clerk Barnes. Residents Priscilla Peterson and Susan Schlupp attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to approve the Minutes from the **October 16, 2024** regular meeting was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Alderperson Menke. **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to receive and file the Monthly Financial Report from **September 2024** was made by Alderperson Menke and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried.**
6. A Motion to receive and file the Monthly Financial Report from **October 2024** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Alderperson Menke. **Motion carried.**
7. The City Administrator's Report included working on the packet for this evening's meeting and beginning the **budgeting process for next fiscal year that will start in January**. She also spoke concerning three properties that have had fires and what is happening with each.
8. There was no Public Comment at this time.
9. Code Enforcement Report through November 4:
  - a. Permit List – was reviewed. **In January there will be a 2-month report.** Lots of Solar Panel permits with about 98% placed on roof tops.
  - b. Work Order List – was reviewed. Letters will be sent soon for invoices for a total of \$4,575.00 worth of work done this past season. The owners will have 30 days to pay the invoices before a lien is placed against the property.
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – was reviewed. There were no changes since the last report.
  - d. Open Case Report – was reviewed. The list was only from June – November with the new software results.
  - e. Case Summary List – of the Year – to – Date violations, (489 through November 4, 2024) 180 were for Weeds/Grass Height; 91 for Weeds / Debris; and 95 for Wrong-way parking.
10. Unfinished Business:
  - a. A Motion to recommend to Council **Section 4-1 Garbage, Weeds and Debris** language amendments regarding vegetation was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Alderperson Menke. There was a lengthy discussion about the new language proposed to be sent to Council for approval. As written now for cultivating gardens, including native landscaping, 40% vegetation would be allowed in the front yard, 60% in the back yard. No vegetation in the public right-of-way. **Motion carried.**

- b. A Motion to recommend to Council **Section 4-10 Open Burning Policy** language amendments was made by Alderperson Menke and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. It was suggested to add propane beside natural gas when listing materials for a recreational fire. **Motion carried.**

11. There was no New Business.

12. Public Comment: David Pittman voiced that he was unhappy with not being notified prior to the meeting about the percentages allowed and did not like the idea of only 40% vegetation allowed in the front yard.

Kim Hanks thanked the Committee for their work on the open burning policy.

13. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Menke at 7:18 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

