



**Public Safety Committee Agenda**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 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 **July 19, 2023**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Financial Reports from **June 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
  - d. Nuisance Properties
  - e. Case Detail Report
  - f. Case Summary List
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. Slow Down West Peoria – monthly radar report
  - b. Walk the Wards – August 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
  - c. Tree replacement – update
10. New Business
  - a. Motion to recommend to Council adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - b. Review Code Book Section 3-7-1, No Parking
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.*

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## Public Safety Committee Official Minutes

West Peoria City Hall

Wednesday, August 16, 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, Alderpersons Abraham and Menke. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Alderperson Dohm, residents Becky Burton, Marlene Carter, Priscilla Peterson, Roland Reinhart, and Clerk Barnes. Alderperson Mathewson and 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 **July 19, 2023** 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 **June 2023** was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Alderperson Menke. **Motion carried.**
6. City Administrator's Report included that she will be meeting with an Animal Rights Activist who thinks our Code Book is not in compliance with State Statutes. **Administrator Krider will compare notes and report back next month.**  
A question about police Nuisance properties and Section 8 housing came up and Administrator Krider has just received information about what other municipalities are doing. **Again, she will report next month.**
7. Public Comment  
If Section 8 housing regulations are abused, vouchers can be revoked.  
There have been multiple cars vandalized lately. Residents are getting more anxious and fearful. Going to the Sheriff's website, look at crime mapping to see what's been happening.  
American Water has sent out a notice concerning lead pipes on the turn-off line to houses. Clerk Barnes will get a copy of the letter after the meeting.
8. Code Enforcement Report:
  - a. Permit List – was reviewed.
  - b. Work Order List – was reviewed.
  - c. Foreclosure/Vacant Structures List – No list at this time.
  - d. Nuisance Properties - No list at this time.
  - e. Case Detail List – was reviewed. Are door knob flyers working well? Yes. They are used for a few types of situations, but they are having a good response.
  - f. Case Summary List – Year-to-date of July 28, 2023 there were 756 code violations: 200 for weed/grass height, 191 for garbage and debris, 115 for wrong-way parking. Most are completed.
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. Slow Down West Peoria monthly radar report – The report this month gave data on Rohmann from Western to Sterling and Rohmann from Sterling to Western, and on Kenwood from Sterling to Avon and on Kenwood from Avon to Sterling. There are still speeders, but the

average speed is always at or just below the posted limit. Chair Ruskusky reminded everyone that if you “See something, Say something!”

- b. Walk the Wards – Next planned for Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Come and bring a friend, get assignments, gloves, pickers, and meet afterward at the Firehouse for pork chop sandwiches to benefit the Fire Department.
- c. Tree replacement – update from Alderperson Abraham – 6 fruit trees have been planted at Harold B. Dawson School. The West Peoria Tree Club arborist has a 12-foot service berry tree available if anyone has a place for it. It flowers in the springtime and grows to about 20 feet tall. There is a program to try to plant 12 trees in an easement at St. Mary’s Cemetery that will hopefully be sponsored by a grandpa/grandson combination to help preserve the trees for generations to come.

10. New Business

- a. A Motion to recommend to Council a Resolution Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of May 2023 was made by Alderperson Menke and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Action items will be placed during the winter months on the Committee agenda to see how the goals can be accomplished in our City.** Our own emergency plan needs to be reviewed occasionally to be aware of what needs to happen. **This will be placed during the fall months to review.** **Motion carried.**
- b. Review Code Book Section 3-7-1, No Parking – **Please review layout changes by next month’s meeting.** Question: Are all No Parking signs for those areas listed in place? Yes.

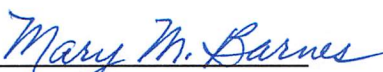
11. Public Comment

There have been a lot of skunks around the City lately. Is there any Code about trapping animals? Yes, check Code Book Section 4-4-17 which talks about live trapping only. The question becomes where do you release the live animals? The Department of Conservation may need to be contacted. Also, people need to check to see why skunks are around – what is feeding them, and how to remove that source of food.

- 12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Menke at 7:07 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

