

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Witte, Vice Chairman Dougherty, Alderman Panus, Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Crawford, and Alderman Robinson. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Tim Richardson, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Witte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Anastasia, who was excused.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, October 6, 2020)

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. PL #49-20: (Robinson) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Noise.

Alderman Robinson explained that the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed legislation. He explained that he did question how one would determine fifty feet, and he feels that the Police Department has a method. Chief Rowley explained that they have tape measures, and Alderman Robinson explained that a lot of people that hunt can determine feet, so he would assume that the expertise of the Police Department would allow them to determine the distance of feet. He explained that an average property is also forty to fifty feet long, so if you can hear noise from the next house over, it's too loud. He explained that under penalties, the City Attorney didn't have any issues, and those were the only two things that he was questioning.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he would like to see the time changed from 7am to 6am, but he doesn't see this as a make it or break it issue. He explained that most noise complaints come at night. Alderman Crawford asked if having a different timeframe in the mornings on the weekends versus the weekdays would be something to consider. Alderman Dougherty explained that his suggestion was more regarding loading vehicles for work and stuff like that. He explained that he had neighbors in the past who would complain when he was getting ready for work in the morning.

Alderman Panus explained that this can be a test run, and if there is a problem, the Council can come back and make amendments.

A motion to approve PL #49-20 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Robinson. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020 for Resolution.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

- a. PL #61-20: (Crawford) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 12, Housing Code, to include Article VI, Short-Term Rental Registration and Licensing.

Alderman Crawford explained that this is something that the Council has covered a number of different times. He explained that each Alderman has been given a copy of the proposed legislation, and he reached out to the City Attorney for comments. He thanked Capt. Jennings and Chief Richardson, as he had a rough outline put together for what he thought residents were looking for, and they came back with a very clean, well defined document. He explained that he went through the legislation and he only has a couple of suggestions, but he wanted to receive feedback from the City Attorney as well.

Alderman Crawford explained that there are two things that he added to the legislation. He explained that Capt. Jennings pretty much identified safety equipment and the process to license a short-term rental. He explained that when someone wants to obtain a permit from the City to operate a short-term rental, a site plan review is done and there is an initial \$150 fee for a thorough inspection of the property. He explained that subsequent annual inspections are similar to rental inspections and would cost \$60 per year. He explained that we are encouraging tourism, but residents are concerned and we have to ensure that short-term rentals are regulated.

Alderman Crawford asked if the City can require hazard insurance for short-term rentals, and if we can require an owner to provide proof of hazard insurance and maintain active insurance. He explained that short-term rentals also cannot be located in R1, R2, or R3 zoning districts without a variance. He explained that we are okay with having these rentals in neighborhoods, if the neighborhood is okay with having them there. He explained that through a special use proves, neighbors are notified of the property owner's intentions and they are provided with some recourse. He explained that he feels that this is pertinent to include in the legislation.

Capt. Jennings explained that the major thing is that transient occupants are coming into the City, and we have nothing on the books to regulate these short-term rentals. He explained that we are trying to group the properties with rental inspections. He explained that we need site

plan for the business, with once a year inspection to ensure that the properties are kept up to specifications. He explained that we need to keep the properties in check and know where they are.

Alderman Crawford explained that it is nice to know if you have short-term rentals where they are and how many units they have in case of emergency. He explained that this legislation also establishes a maximum occupancy.

Chief Richardson explained that he thinks that this is spot on and something that we needed. Alderman Crawford explained that he would like to postpone this PL so that the Aldermen have a chance to read the legislation and provide comments. He explained that he will also follow up with the City Attorney on the draft.

Alderman Panus asked if the entirety of this legislation is new to the City's Code, and Alderman Crawford responded that it is. He explained that he provided a rough outline of what he would like to see, and the Fire Department and Codes came back with this drafted legislation. He explained that his changes are to require insurance and restrict which zoning districts these can be located in. He explained that we want to make sure that these rentals are safe, and we want to have some type of regulation and process. We do not want to deter tourism. He explained that hopefully as Olean continues to revitalize, more of these rentals will pop up. They seem to be a growing trend.

At this time, Alderman Gonzalez entered the meeting.

Alderman Panus explained that he does not see in this legislation whether or not this applies to hotels. Capt. Jennings explained that they would be excluded, and they are inspected on a different schedule. Alderman Crawford explained that hotels and motels are already addressed in our Code, but there is nothing for short-term rentals.

Alderman Dougherty asked if the owner of the short-term rental is required to get a business license. Alderman Crawford explained that it is not required in this legislation. Alderman Dougherty explained that when he spoke with the City Attorney, there was discussion regarding requiring landlords to get business licenses in order to require insurance. Alderman Crawford explained that this is why he would like to speak with the City Attorney prior to moving forward.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that he is in favor of this legislation, and generally speaking with a new business category, it is smart that we are doing something proactively. He explained that he had some complaints that a short-term rental in his neighborhood was getting rowdy at times. He is not sure that this addresses that issue, but it could aid in the future.

Alderman Crawford explained that he believes that existing rentals will be grandfathered in, but that with the new legislation essentially residents in R1, R2, and R3 districts will be able to say whether they want essentially a mini hotel in their neighborhood.

Alderman Dougherty explained that even if we say that it is okay to exist in R1, R2 and R3 districts, we want to see them get into the inspection process. Alderman Robinson asked if they are exempt, how long they would be exempt for. Capt. Jennings explained that as far as being grandfathered in, they're not. If they are being used now they are being illegally occupied, and they would have to be put on the books and meet our requirements. He explained that all cities are trying to catch up on this.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that he makes a good point, that a lot of times, we consider what other cities do. In this case, it is so new, that there is not a lot of guidance out there. Alderman Crawford explained that a lot of what he found is for big cities that really don't apply to our situation. Alderman Dougherty added that with any legislation we need to look at what other cities have been through, including ones taken to court. Alderman Gonzalez explained that there is a lot of precedence.

Alderman Witte explained that this puts together a template so everyone is treated fairly no matter what neighborhood they're in.

A motion to postpone PL #61-20 was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Postponed to next Public Safety Committee meeting.

b. Discussion Items

i. Bump on Route 16 near roundabout (Crawford)

Alderman Witte explained that this bump has been there for a couple of years, and Alderman Smith and she have brought this up before. She explained that she is glad that Alderman Crawford is bringing it up again. Alderman Crawford explained that he hit the bump with his wife's van and immediately called Mr. Ring. He explained that it almost acts as a speed bump to slow people down, but it needs a warning. He explained that he wants to have a sign put up to signal that the bump or depression exists. He explained that Mr. Ring has indicated that this is a State road so he contacted the DOT in Salamanca. He explained that he was sent the Maintenance Agreement between the City and State, and if we want to put a sign up there, it is really up with the City.

Alderman Crawford explained that the depression or bump itself is at a joint of the bridge and road. He explained that he was concerned if there is a safety issue, and if there is something

defective or not safe with the joint. He explained that through conversation that doesn't seem to be the case, but it is certainly a defect in the road and he would like to have a sign put up.

Mr. Ring explained that he would like to add that the issue is caused by a failure of the bridge, and this is a State owned bridge and a State owned road. He is surprised that they are so nonchalant about the City putting up a sign without jumping through hoops first. This is a nuisance and hopefully the State will fix it, and at that point, the signs could be removed. He explained that we have a Maintenance Agreement with the State but he would not touch that joint, as it is beyond our responsibility.

Alderman Crawford explained that the more expensive route is to repair that joint, but both sides are battling it back and forth so he is asking for a "BUMP" sign in the meantime. He explained that in his conversation with the State DOT, per the Maintenance Agreement the City takes care of that.

Alderman Panus asked when the last paving up to that joint was, and Mr. Ring responded that it was two years ago, or maybe last year. Mayor Aiello explained that this was a concern when the North Union Street Project was done and some paving was done in that area at the time. He explained that they wouldn't pave from the bridge south to the roundabout. Money was moved around and the North Union Street Extension was paved, and although the joint was questioned at the time, the State said it was fine. The City has been dealing with them for several years regarding this problem. Mr. Ring added that there is something wrong with that piece of concrete.

Alderman Crawford explained that if the Aldermen don't hear any pushback, that Mr. Ring has sent guidance regarding signs and he will put a PL forward with Bob's recommendations for a warning sign. Mr. Ring explained that a speed plaque goes underneath the BUMP sign, and although it is not an actual speed sign, it reminds you of the speed of the road. He explained that when people are coming off of the four lanes, a lot are still going pretty fast.

ii. COVID-19 update (Witte)

Mayor Aiello explained that there has been a lot of talk from the Governor's office about adding Pennsylvania to the restricted states list. He explained that apparently, that will not happen right now, but there has been an uptick in cases and he is back on a weekly call with the hospital to get more information. He explained that if things keep going on the rise, we may want to consider closing meetings to the public again or going virtual. He explained that we will need to take things day by day as we see what is happening.

Mayor Aiello explained that we have until April 1, 2021 to have a Pandemic Plan to the Governor's Office. He explained that he, Brad Camp, and Tim Richardson are working on the

plan. The City has already really done a lot of it, including determining who is essential and who can work from home. We just need to have a plan in writing.

Alderman Witte explained that she asked the County Health Department for numbers about our southeast region. She explained that 216 out of 358 cases are in our region, and of 14 deaths in the county we had 8 in our region. She explained that there are currently 64 active cases. She explained that health care providers account for one fourth of those numbers.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that he feels that we should talk about the prospects of going virtual. Even if we don't, we want to be prepared at any time to go virtual if we need to. He explained that it was a mess when he called in previously.

Alderman Witte explained that we should be able to do Zoom meetings from the Council Chambers. She noted that the things that she has been hearing regarding the school situation and parents is very disjointed.

Alderman Gonzalez pointed out the monitor, and explained that the courts use it. If we can't use it, we should buy one. He doesn't want to give our IT department grief. But we should be able to be flexible. Alderman Witte explained that it works fine with other boards. With the way numbers are going up, and with flu season coming up, we should be able to do this.

Alderman Crawford asked if we know if the new software we have for streaming can sync with Zoom. He explained that with the uptick in cases, if we make the consensus to go virtual, the IT Department should have information on how to stream meetings right there. Alderman Gonzalez explained that this is not high level work, this is intern level work.

Alderman Robinson asked if we are going to set a threshold as to when we need to go virtual, and Alderman Gonzalez responded that he feels that we should be moving now. If there is a dollar amount needed to purchase software, let's figure that out. Alderman Gonzalez explained that we have 216 cases now, and should we say that we'll go virtual when cases hit 250? What is that threshold? Alderman Gonzalez explained that there could be ten cases more or fifty cased more, but what if it is one of the Aldermen? Alderman Witte explained that there are so many people coming from Pennsylvania to New York to work that numbers are going to go up from just that.

Alderman Witte explained that a lot of parents that she talks to don't want their children trick or treating, and they don't want people coming to their door. Mayor Aiello explained that it is their choice, and they can leave their light off if they don't want people coming to their door. He explained that this is why we have the alternative suggestion of a candy drive through at Lincoln Park on Halloween night from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. He explained that there will be people lining both sides of the streets to drop candy in windows when people drive through. Parents

can choose not to take their kids trick or treating, but he wanted to do something to keep the spirit of the night. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations of candy, and he will be meeting with them tomorrow. The YMCA is doing a trunk or treat from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and regular trick or treating is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parents can choose whether or not to take their kids out and residents can decide whether or not to turn their lights on and hand out candy. Alderman Gonzalez explained that it will depend on the weather that night, too. Some people will have tables out on their porch or driveway to put candy out.

Alderman Crawford asked who is ultimately responsible for enforcing the mask mandates and social distancing mandates. He asked if it is the City Police Department, the County Health Department, or who else is responsible. He noted that we see the State threaten to pull funding for something when municipalities are not complying with the rules. Mayor Aiello explained that if you look at all of the information that comes from the Governor's Office, it would seem that they would like the City to be enforcing all of this. However, early on he and Chief Rowley met with the County, and we were directed to take reports and submit them to the County. He explained that they would pass the reports on to the Health Department, and they would be the enforcing agency. He explained that it is tough, since we, as the City, don't want to be shutting down businesses here. He feels that this is why the County is having everything go through the Health Department.

Alderman Witte asked if the Council will be updated if anything changes with the Pennsylvania situation, and Mayor Aiello responded that he would update the Council if anything changes.

Alderman Panus explained that if any of the Aldermen test positive, that it is a good indication that we need to go virtual. He explained that it is also important to know what the hospital's capacity is, and if it is getting difficult for them to take care of people. He feels that eventually, unless it goes away, it will come to all of us. He asked what the current status is, and Mayor Aiello explained that he was on a call with the hospital on Friday. He explained that they have nine cases, and two are in the ICU. He explained that they are nowhere near capacity, but that may be a good indicator.

Mayor Aiello explained that what he is hearing is that we are looking into an apparatus like the one the court uses for making sure that we can go virtual, and have Zoom tied in with our livestreaming. He asked what the Council would like him to do in order to move forward with this.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that when you look at other bodies, like the school board and the County, they aren't creating an arbitrary threshold. He explained that we can conduct business just as easy virtually, and he wonders why we feel compelled to meet right now. Alderman

Panus explained that he thinks that we need to do some test runs before there is an issue, and it is probably better to do so on a committee night.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that we need to not do what happened last time we tried to go virtual, when so many people still showed up in person for the meeting. He explained that we should all be completely online, so we can all see each other's faces. Alderman Dougherty asked how we would do public comment, and Alderman Gonzalez explained that we do not have to. A State of Emergency was declared and all of those rules are out the door.

Alderman Crawford explained that he feels that it would be beneficial to get some pricing on what a setup would cost. Even if we all start going virtual, down the road when live returns to some semblance of normalcy, there is no reason why we can't have one or two members call in virtually and connect with us. He explained that we should invest in our ability to meet. We need to go virtual sooner rather than later.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he is all for going virtual, but at the same time he still likes having public comment. He knows that this is the new normal, but he will be trying to hold onto in person meetings as long as possible.

Mayor Aiello explained that he was on a virtual conference with 800 people, kind of like Zoom, and it could still be opened up for others to speak. He believes that the host can control who is speaking. The meeting can still be open to the public, and we turn the sound on when it is someone's turn to speak and then mute them when they are finished. The host can open up to all of the Aldermen the ability to speak during the meeting. You can call in too, and don't have to use video. He believes that we could go virtual and still give the public access.

Alderman Crawford explained that we need to have a plan in place for Zoom bombing and similar. He explained that we would have to see what measures we can put in place to prevent that. Alderman Panus explained that the support level matters. He has seen huge meetings where they are taking callers on the phone. Mayor Aiello explained that there is a chat feature and also a question/answer so people can submit questions. There are a lot of options here.

Alderman Witte explained that she also thinks that we need to have a test run. Mayor Aiello explained that he likes Zoom better than Go To Meeting.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that of all of the public comment that we get, he feels that about half is people that like to hear themselves talk. He wonders how many things could be solved with an email or a phone call. Alderman Crawford explained that we may get better interaction.

iii. Boardmanville school signs / speed reduction (Witte)

Mayor Aiello explained that he presented a handout to the Aldermen which includes a letter from BOCES and a map of the area. Mr. Ring explained that he believes that we discussed this one time before, and we had to establish a few criteria that this is a school and that there are children that walk to the school. He explained that the letter is a letter of support from the principal of the school district, and it includes the number of students that walk to and from school.

Mr. Ring explained that for some reason, New York State doesn't really consider "school zones". He explained that it is considered only a speed reduction. He explained that the map shows how the area would be signed to State standards. He explained that the Council would need to pass a resolution to reduce the speed in these areas.

Alderman Witte explained that so far, she has attended the Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings regarding this school, and they did a great job doing whatever they were told they had to do. She explained that there are a lot of buses, and that during the day the only people that come and go are staff. In addition, sometimes kids are out for walks, but they really don't cross major streets. There are 85 kids that attend the school, and so far the neighbors have had no issues. She explained that the next step is for the speed reduction and signage.

Mr. Ring explained that he recommends a speed reduction to 20 miles per hour during school hours. He explained that 15 miles per hour is the slowest speed limit you can set on streets in New York State, but he recommends 10 miles per hour under the usual speed limit.

Chief Rowley explained that typically when something like this is done, the violators are the ones that live in the area, so he foresees the neighbors getting tickets as a result of this change. He has no objections. Alderman Witte explained that she feels the issue is with the people who come off of Route 16 and continue speeding down Main Street. She explained that the neighbors are her neighbors, so she will speak with them.

iv. No parking 312-316 North Third Street (Dougherty)

Alderman Dougherty explained that he sent out a request for opinions from Chief Rowley and Mr. Ring, and he thanked them for their responses. He explained that a constituent reached out to him and mentioned that he owns these three buildings, and he has quite a few tenants in two, while he lives in the other. He explained that when they try to back out of the driveway with the parking lot and the traffic on that block of North Third Street being a nightmare, it is difficult to see. He asked that we review this for purposes of sightlines and things like that, and he figured that he would bring this up for discussion. He explained that the constituent mentioned that he looks both ways before backing out, but he ended up getting sideswiped. He explained that he wanted to get a discussion going to see if this change is warranted.

Alderman Witte explained that there is a parking lot behind the school as well, and with people going in and out, she can see how if someone is backing out that they can't see who is coming from the parking lot.

Alderman Panus asked if this is right up along the side of the high school, and Alderman Dougherty explained that it is and that there are a lot of residents through there, too. Alderman Panus explained that his only concern is causing issues with a lack of parking. He is curious what the no parking benefit is for. Alderman Dougherty explained that the benefit is for visibility coming out of the driveway. He explained that it depends on who is parking there, as you may see better if a small sedan parks there versus a large truck.

Alderman Dougherty explained that Mr. Ring's diagram only shows one spot being removed, with parking being moved on the other side of the driveway. Alderman Robinson asked if we are talking about only eliminating one spot for three addresses, and Alderman Dougherty confirmed that is correct. Alderman Robinson explained that he knows when we talk about parking changes on Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets, we are talking about taking parking spaces away from teachers. He explained that this is similar to a situation on South 12th Street where a constituent has issues backing out of their driveway due to on street parking and a narrow roadway.

Alderman Panus asked whose fault it would be if there was an accident in a situation like this with visibility issues. Chief Rowley explained that you have a responsibility to look out of your driveway, but if someone is driving recklessly, it could be either/or. He explained that the driver on the roadway has right of way versus anyone entering the roadway, but there are different circumstances. This is one of the things that, if we approve, he feels that everyone in town will want. Alderman Gonzalez added especially the neighbors next door and down the street from this location. Chief Rowley explained that it is probably justified, but questions where it ends.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he wanted to get everyone's consensus, and he will be putting in a PL that the Council can either vote up or down.

v. Code Enforcement inadequacy (Panus)

Alderman Panus explained that he wanted to bring this up, because he has been in this for almost a year now, and he feels that there is a massive issue enforcing Code in the City. He explained that he doesn't have a list of specific things and time frames, but he has spoken with Capt. Jennings and Mayor Aiello regarding issues on Charles Street, and he thinks that the time it is taking to resolve the issue has been excessive.

Alderman Panus explained that Charles Street backs up to Paul Brown Motors. He explained that the light from their lot is a nuisance to the neighbors, and he feels that this is a legitimate

complaint. Maybe as the years go on we need to address upping our ability to enforce Code. Is there a staffing inadequacy? He wonders what the feeling around the City is as far as that goes, or if there is trouble getting anyone to do what they are asked to do.

Mayor Aiello explained that this has been an ongoing issue, and they are pulling Planning Board minutes to see what the conditions were of the business at that location. He explained that he believes that this issue will be addressed through the Planning Board.

Alderman Crawford explained that he thinks that Alderman Panus brings up a valid concern. He explained that as the body that essentially funds the departments and passes the budgets. It is important for the Council to recognize challenges that these departments have. He explained that he knows that the Mayor, Capt. Jennings and himself have gone round and round with a constituent of his over two houses next to hers. He asked what the Council can do as a body to help enforcement. Do different laws need to be on the books? Is it okay to have peeling paint and not take care of it? He explained that another property has a tarp, and he thought that it was ordered to be demolished. Residents around there keep asking him about it, and he has communicated that we are fighting to get the owner to take down the house, but he doesn't believe any tickets have been written. There are a lot of issues. It makes him as an Alderman feel like he is failing his constituents. He asked how we can help Codes succeed.

Alderman Witte asked if there is something we need to do staff wise, or if we need to make policies tighter. Capt. Jennings explained that one of the biggest challenges currently is the court system. He explained that writing tickets now gets you nowhere, and the judge has basically said don't write a ticket unless it is important. He explained that in Alderman Crawford's situation, they are doing what they can on that. He explained that in regards to the issue with Paul Brown Motors, National Grid has been overwhelmed for several months now, but has addressed a few things. As far as lighting, we have already pulled the site plan review and will be talking to them about that, as well as the intercom system. He explained that they had turned down the intercom system previously after complaints, but have apparently since turned it back up.

Capt. Jennings explained that some things in the Codes Office take time. He explained that manpower is always an issue. The office has himself, Mr. Reed who performs housing inspections, and Mr. Veno. He explained that there are more complaints in Olean than you can shake a stick at. As far as secretarial help, he uses Mr. Veno the best he can, but that's the end of their staff. He explained that things need to be revisited, but they need to find the time.

Alderman Panus explained that he has no problem going down and helping with this, and he has gone down and met with residents. About three fixtures need adjusted, and he can point out which ones. It is not all of their lighting.

Alderman Dougherty explained that since he's been on the Council, it has always been an issue that Code Enforcement is understaffed. He explained that the inspection law is great, but we had to add someone to Codes, and we added Mr. Reed. Codes is still short staffed, and there is still a pile of complaints. At the end of the day, it always comes down to money and finding money. If there was a way, and if there was an arsenal of people applying for positions that we could offer in the Codes department, he would be all for it.

Alderman Crawford asked how big the department was, and Capt. Jennings responded that it has pretty much always been three guys. Alderman Witte asked what happened to the secretary, and Capt. Jennings responded that she is at the Fire Department. Alderman Witte explained that maybe we shouldn't talk about sharing a secretary and putting someone in Code Enforcement full time.

Alderman Panus explained that we need to budget someone, or something, or some change. He explained that with courts advising that they can't take any more load on their end, so we at least still approach things by saying we aren't going to give them a ticket, but by still making them aware of the Code and that they could get fined if things aren't corrected? He doesn't want people to get the idea that it is a free for all. He gets the idea that young people are owning houses and he doesn't think that they are caring what things look like. He thinks that over time that Codes will be funded to take care of things. He is just trying to be aware and bring up what he sees emerging. Hopefully we can do something about this.

Alderman Crawford explained that he 100 percent agrees. He realizes from his four years on the Council that Code Enforcement is really good at being responsible. He thinks that an issue is that only fifty percent of owners are residents. It's larger, more problematic and more time consuming issues that require tons of time and attention. He is willing to offer whatever the Council can possibly do to help, perhaps an additional person in the department. Additionally, if there are any laws that the Council can pass to help Codes, just let us know. He asked what else the Council can do to make Codes jobs easier. He explained that if there is a situation where something can't be enforced because there is no law on the books, simply let the Council know and he would be more than happy to help.

Mayor Aiello explained that Code Enforcement does an excellent job. He explained that many years he has put in for additional staff in Code Enforcement, but they are cut every year. It is a monetary issue. Alderman Witte explained that this is an ongoing issue with no quick fixes.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

A motion to approve committee reports was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.