

**Public Safety Committee**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order. *by Chairperson Stuart at 6:00 p.m.*
2. Roll Call.

<u><i>Members</i></u>	<u><i>Present/Absent</i></u>	<u><i>Others Present</i></u>
Aldersperson Erika Stuart, Chair	P	Patrick Reese, Police Chief
Aldersperson Gene Lewis	P	Chris Jones, Lt.
Aldersperson Susan Becker	P	Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
		Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk
		Leah Hurlley, City Clerk
		Reporters Evansville Today
		Ian Reilly, Officer
		Jason Sergeant, Administrator
		Arlene Larson, Citizen
		Patty Nimz, Citizen
		Vicky Norton, Citizen
		Ingrid Zuroski, Citizen

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda** by *Stuart, seconded Becker. Motion passed 3-0*
4. **Motion to approve the February 8, 2023 Public Safety regular meeting minutes**, by *Stuart, seconded Becker. Motion passed 3-0*
5. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed**. *Arlene Larson, Ingrid Zuroski, Patty Nimz and Vicki Norton spoke in opposition of the proposed changes to the Animal Leash Ordinance. Norton stated there is a group of citizens who take their dogs down to the park to walk, exercise and socialize. Larson shared that she requested an open records request with the EPD. Zuroski - new ordinance is not fair for the owners who put a lot of money into training and underground fences. Nimz lives by park and has a dog trained with an e-collar. Her concern is that she is unable to use the e-collar as her dog was not trained on a leash. Nimz has walked the last 7 years at the park and says she has never seen an issue. Norton came to support the group that meets at the park as they all are all well trained dogs who just want to play and it is a great way to meet people. Norton keeps her dog on leash at park as she knows her dog. They would like to see clearer wording of the ordinance and to what issues this new ordinance is trying to solve. Leah wanted the record to*

*show, the conversation had with Arlene regarding data was not shared at committee not that it did or did not exist.*

Old Business.

**Motion to recommend to Common Council Ordinance 2023-03 Chapter 14 - Animals of the City of Evansville Municipal Code.** *By Stuart seconded by Becker. Motion passed 3-0 by roll call. Stuart stated ordinance already passed was just back to board for formatting/formality consistency and appreciated the public comments.*

*Jason Sergeant submitted a memo to Committee for the revision for administrative consistency on the Chapter 14 – Animals of the city of Evansville Municipal Code as the revisions were not consistent with formatting requirements of the code.*

*Becker commented on letter from a community member about a dog approaching him at his home off leash. Becker mentioned her experience with the issue. Becker explained purpose of the proposed ordinance.*

*Chief Reese we get a lot of complaints that people don't understand the ordinance and explained a few off leash complaints for walking at Westside bike trail and Lake Leota Park as some don't want to walk there as dogs are off leash. This is an attempt to clean it up and explained the amount of money we pay the Human society for the loose dogs that they pick up. Mentioned that some people are very responsible but some are not and said it is up to council to make any changes.*

**6. New Business.**

**A. Motion to approve the Operator's License Application(s) for:** *(recommended by Evansville Police Department unless otherwise noted). by Stuart, then withdrawn to separate #7 and add as a separate motion. 1-6 motioned by Stuart seconded by Becker. Motion passed 3-0*

- 1) Kelsey Lachelle Malecki
- 2) Jedidiah Daniel Kjorns
- 3) Teresa Ann Madsen
- 4) Nicole Marie Bridges
- 5) Brianna Lynn Lovely
- 6) Sarah A. Helin

**B. Separate motion for non-recommended by Stuart seconded by Becker. Motion passed 3-0**

- 1) Jeanie Marie Cross (non-recommend)

**7. Evansville Police Department Report.** - *Chief Reese reported – Training was done this month, will be participating in the spread goodness on March 10<sup>th</sup>, Night out is still being planned. Was asked to do a police escort for the wrestling team for state. Spoke about repairs and maintenance on building. Body*

*camera system was having issues and Officer Jones got it resolved. No updates are available on the new squad car. Recertified by Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Board.*

8. **Evansville Emergency Medical Services Report.** – Chief Kleisch reported – Training with HIPPA, Blackhawk and Mercy are no longer working together. Mercy is working with schools to do EMR, CPR and EMT classes students must be 18 to take class hoping to do a virtual class with other community schools with the hopes of starting sometime in May/June. Chief Kleisch mentioned they are rotating ambulances. Lewis asked how many are needed to staff the ambulance Chief Kleisch said an EMR & EMT are needed to run an ambulance, Chief Kleisch mentioned they always try to run with 3 if possible.
9. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
10. **Motion to adjourn,** by Becker, seconded by Stuart at 6:44 p.m.

*Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk*