

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Public Safety Commission
Monday, March 27, 2017
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Scott Bohler called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Matt Boelter, Roger Swenson, Scott Bohler, Tracy Vetruba, and Judith Creigo.
Members absent: Jim Anderson, Mike Merriman, WC Sheriff Representative
Also present: Bob VanLith, Fire Chief, Jon Sutherland Council Liaison, and Marlene E. Kittock,
Public Safety Coordinator

2. Election of Officers:

Without objection the Commission appointed Scott Bohler as its Chair and Judith Creigo as the Vice Chair

3. MINUTES

A. January 23, 2017.

The minutes from the January 23, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Continued discussion for address changes for renaming CSAH 30 on the north side of Delano near the City's Maintenance Shop and Golden Living Center.

The commission discuss the potential name change of CSAH 30 on the northern side of town. The pros/cons and comments of the residents along this stretch of county highway were considered. Even through the cost to the 5 or 6 city residents to change all of their street name and leave the numbering the same was a factor against changing it, the cost in the future would be greater when more properties could be affected by a street name change. The response time for emergency vehicles was a greater factor given that fact that emergency response vehicles could be sent out of town erroneously thus delaying the medical treatment.

Motion by Tracy Vatruba, second by Judy Creigo to recommend that the name be changed to fit into the city's grid naming system. The Commission would be open to allowing the property owners to choosing the street name. Motion carried.

B. Discuss request from the Big Woods Garden Club to make improvements to the fence along Railroad Ave. from River St. N to 4th St. N

The Big Woods Garden Club (BWGC) approached the City Park Commission regarding the fence area along the Railroad Avenue Parking Lot. The ideas presented were to remove the fence and plant a living fence with or without perennial and annual flower beds. Park

Commission expressed concerns regarding safety, trespassing, and vandalism type issues along this area with the removal of the current fence. The BWGC stated that the fence is old and in disrepair and wanted to dress up the site lines and the parking lot. The fence was constructed in a couple of phases back in the 1980's when a child was fatally injured and early 2000 when the 3rd St. overpass was closed off. Burlington Northern was contacted and their regulations will not allow for any plantings of structures, fences or flower beds etc., within their right of way. A green fence (hedge type) was also suggest outside of this right of way as the currently fence is relatively close to the right of way line. This does not leave much of planting area. The Commission questioned who would be in charge of maintenance of the plantings. Also BNRR also sprays for weed control along their right of ways, so there was concern expressed about a living fence being destroyed. The discussion of a living fence being an attractive nuisance was also held, as the planting would allow for trespassing, vandalism, and easier access to the rails. The Commission's consensus was to not recommend approval for the removal of the existing fence until the aforementioned concerns could be addressed.

C. Discuss a policy regarding Pedestrian Crossing Signage

City staff continues to receive requests for flashing lighted pedestrian crossing signage. In the past placements of this type of signage, such as the city's industrial park area, the businesses paid for the signage. Last year the residents of Gateway Village Apartments and Delano Commons requested a flashing lite crossing sign as there have been incidents for the various apartments to cross St. Peter Avenue to go to the businesses in the Delano Crossings Mall. After much discussion the City Council authorized the expenditure to purchase a set of flashing pedestrian crossing signage for approximately \$4,000. Since this sign is in a highly travel area of town more requests have been coming in. The Council will be discussing the possibility of funding one set of this type of signage for the 2018 budget, however the commission will need to come up with some sort of priority policy for placement should this budget item be incorporated into next year budget cycle. Staff will try to put together some information for the Commission to review for a future meeting.

D. Delano United Update

Some city residents were present to discuss the recent high profile burglary and vandalism case in the Clover Springs neighborhood. The Wright County Sheriff office has this case under investigation so no information regarding the case could be announced. The schools, churches, city, and community leaders have formed an organization that is called "Delano United" to assist with issues of diversity regarding race, color, creed, and sexual preference etc. The city's social media site will be announcing upcoming meeting and all are welcome to attend and participate with any ideas or other assistance.

5. ADJOURN

There being no business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.