

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

May 7, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Davis, Chair• Myron Moldenhauer• Bob Wetzel• <i>Not Present</i> – Jonathan Lampe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief David Brower• Andrew Beyer• Stacy Winkelman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ian Pilak (virtual)• Steven Blaser• Marie Miller

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

There were no comments from the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Safety minutes from April 2, 2025

- a. [Public Safety Meeting Notes 4-2-25.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

MOTION: Approve the Public Safety meeting notes from April 2, 2025.
(Moldenhauer/Wetzel/Unanimous approval)

4. BUSINESS

- A. Review and take possible action: Repeal Ordinance Section 247-5(D), Prohibited Acts Boating Prohibition Area

[2025.0507 Navigational Waterway Markers AMB.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)

[Site Map.pdf](#) (0.78 MB)

[Ord #25-XX - Ordinance to Repeal Regulate Boating Upon the Rock River](#)

[Reviewed Draft.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

MOTION: Repeal Ordinance Section 247-5(D), Prohibited Acts Boating Prohibition Area (Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous approval)

- B. Review and take possible action: Request for Children at Play Signs on Sunset Avenue

[Agenda Item to Upload - May 7.pdf](#) (3.92 MB)

MOTION: Erect stop signs at two of the uncontrolled T-Intersections in this area: Harvey Avenue at Sunset Avenue, and Charles Street at Thomas Avenue.
(Moldenhauer/Wetzel/Unanimous approval)

- C. Review: Fall Market date change at Bentzin Family Town Square
[2025 SE TNM Series Bulk Permit.pdf](#) (0.41 MB)
[033125 MEMO - Review Oct Market date change.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)

Information only. No action taken.

- D. Review and take action: Add concert date to Summer Concert Series at Bentzin Family Town Square
[2025 Eagles Concert SE Permit.pdf](#) (0.69 MB)
[033125 MEMO - Add July 20 Concert to Summer Concert Series.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)

MOTION: Add July 20 Concert to Summer Concert Series.
(Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

- E. Review and take action: Special Event - Amendment to Main Street Farmers Market to include the closing of Anne Street
[MEMO FOR FARMERS MARKET AMENDMENT.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
[2025-06 AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE CLOSING OF ANNE STREET Redacted.pdf](#) (5.44 MB)

MOTION: Amend the Main Street Farmer's Market special event application to include the closing of Anne Street, east of Labaree St. and west of the Aquatic Center entrance, during the hours of the Watertown Farmer's Market.
(Moldenhauer/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

- F. Review and take action: Special Event - Memorial Day Celebration
[MEMO MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
[2025-08 MEMORIAL DAY APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (2.58 MB)
[2025-08 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAP.pdf](#) (0.41 MB)

MOTION: Approve the Memorial Day Celebration Special Event Application.
(Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

- G. Review and take action: Special Event - 4th of July Parade
[MEMO 4TH OF JULY PARADE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
[2025-07 4TH OF JULY PARADE APPLICATION AND MAP Redacted.pdf](#) (3.72 MB)

MOTION: Approve the 4th of July Parade Special Event Application
(Moldenhauer/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

- H. Review and take action: Special Event - Koine Christian Concert (Town Square)
[MEMO KOINE CHRISTIAN CONCERT.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
[2025-09 KOINE CONCERT APP Redacted.pdf](#) (4.27 MB)

MOTION: Approve the Koine Christian Concert (Town Square) Special Event Application. (Davis/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

I. Review and take action: Special Event - Entertainment Night (St. Mark's)

[MEMO ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)

[2025-10 APP Redacted.pdf](#) (2.56 MB)

[2025-10 MAP.pdf](#) (0.32 MB)

MOTION: Approve the St. Mark's Entertainment Night Special Event Application (Moldenhauer/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

J. Review and take action: Special Event - Riverfest

[MEMO TO PUBLIC SAFETY WITH CHARGES.pdf](#) (0.30 MB)

[2025 RIVERFEST APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (7.27 MB)

[2025 RIVERFEST MAP.pdf](#) (0.28 MB)

[Riverfest Special Event 2025 Smoking Boundaries.pdf](#) (0.40 MB)

DISCUSSION: The Watertown Riverfest Inc. representatives met with the City department heads during April to discuss the staffing and facilities needs for Riverfest 2025. Based on the information gathered during these April meetings, the City Dept. Heads have generated a complete list of the Estimated Extraordinary Fees for Riverfest 2025 as required by the revised Special Event ordinance approved by Council in 2024. In addition, Watertown Riverfest Inc is requesting an amendment to the submitted application to specify designated smoking areas as allowed by code. The committee discussed the fact that Watertown Riverfest Inc. has an outstanding bill for Riverfest 2024. The committee considers it problematic to approve the Riverfest 2025 special event application when the bill for Riverfest 2024 has yet been paid. Davis shared that the Finance Committee has recommended that the Council amend the Watertown Riverfest Inc – City of Watertown agreement to reduce the Riverfest 2024 fees to \$25,000. That recommendation will still need to go before the Council for final approval.

MOTION: Approve the special event application for Riverfest 2025 and amendment for designated smoking areas with the stipulation that Watertown Riverfest Inc pay the agreed upon extraordinary costs for Riverfest 2024 prior to May 30, 2025. If the Riverfest 2024 extraordinary costs are not paid prior to May 30, 2025, the Riverfest 2025 application must return to PS&W at the June meeting for reconsideration. (Davis/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

5. **ADJOURN**

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Wetzel and seconded by Moldenhauer to adjourn. Motion was supported unanimously.