

Safety & Health Committee Meeting
05/26/20

People in attendance:

Mayor Tom Smith	Police Chief Jeff Prorise
Alderman Kyle Buettner	Assistant Police Chief Dane Luke
Alderman Steve Notheisen	County Commissioner Vicki Kerber
Alderman Jim Trantham	City Superintendent Tim Birk
Alderman Jim Hopkins	Building Inspector Nathan Krebel
Alderman Russ Row	Zoning officer Jim Nagel
Alderman Russ Thomas	Health Department John Wagner
Alderman Stan Darter	James Gallagher -
Alderman Clyde Heller	Matt Schweizer – Hopskeller

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm

1. Petition by Citizens on Non-agenda Item – None
2. Outside dining – James Gallagher presented a plan to use outside seating at restaurants in the downtown area that would include using parking spaces in front of those businesses to gain extra tables. The committee spoke with the Police Chief, County Health inspector and many others to gain ideas on how to do it with safety being the number one priority. The Safety Committee made a recommendation to the Ordinance committee to allow the business to use those spaces on a permit basis. The permit would be valid for phase 3 of the Illinois reopening plan set forth by the Governor. At this time, we expect the permit to be valid for 28 days, that is subject to change if guidance from the State of Illinois would change their guidelines. The motion also stated that City Hall would get the extra insurance requirements and permit applications available to business owners by the end of business on 5/27/20. Alderman Steve Notheisen made the motion, Alderman Jim Hopkins seconded the motions. All members of the committee voted to approve the motion. There was a motion made by Alderman Jim Trantham and seconded by Alderman Steve Notheisen to stop the use of tables on the City streets at 11pm. Alderman Notheisen and Alderman Trantham voted for it, Alderman Row, Alderman Hopkins and Alderman Buettner voted against closing at 11pm. That motion failed to be approved by the committee.
3. City Hall Opening – A motion was made to reopen City Hall on June 1st while using the recommended social distancing guidelines along with providing hand sanitizers in certain areas. Alderman Steve Notheisen made the motion to reopen with the new safety guidelines, Alderman Jim Hopkins seconded the motion all committee members voted to approve the motion to reopen City Hall on June 1st.
4. Comments – Mayor Tom Smith mentioned that the video of the Memorial Day ceremony has received positive feedback with over 6000 people having viewed the ceremony online.