

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 10:00 AM  
City Hall, Room 305, 128 Smith Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin**

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The Public Safety Committee held a meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10 AM. Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order. On the call of the roll, the following members were present: Mayor Pohlman, Steve Douglas, Alderwomen Diane Gilson, and Alderman Dave Herrmann. Police Chief Ken Ruggles, Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker, Director of Public Works Cathy Austin, City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, and City Clerk Anna Voigt were also present.
2. **Approval of August 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made by Gilson/Herrmann to approve the minutes from August 19, 2021. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and possible recommendation about crosswalks on Eastern Ave:** Police Chief Ruggles went over two recent incidents that happened on Eastern Ave. One was at Eastern Ave and South St, the second one was at Eastern Ave. and Fairview Dr. both involving pedestrians. Blakeslee stated that one crosswalk flash beacon was included in the 2024 budget. There is an option for a second one. Director of Public Works Austin stated there are numerous areas in the City that would benefit from the crosswalk. Austin explained that the City could spend \$20,000 to have a study done on what is the best option of crosswalks. There could potentially be a whole redesign to have a median placed on Eastern Ave. That would take years and have a significant cost. The flash beacons would be the quickest option and if the City did a study they could just come back with the same suggestion. Mayor Pohlman stated that a dozen more crosswalk beacons could be placed in the City unfortunately there are budget constraints. Alderman Herrmann stated that he has seen the flash beacons in other communities and thinks they work well. He liked the idea of making it a PILOT program and adding a few beacons every year if they work well. Douglas stated that there has already been one put in the budget if a second one is need it would be a good idea. Alderperson Gilson asked if the crosswalks are put every two blocks people will start to ignore it. Ruggles stated that was a good question the beacons are triggered by the person so when there is someone wanting to cross, they will press a button and cross. Motion was made by Douglas/Herrman to approve the two flashing beacons including the extra lights on Eastern Ave. at South St and N. Bruns Ave. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carriers.
4. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Herrman/Douglas to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.