

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 13, 2026
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, 5:15 PM**

Present: Terri Goodwin, Don Ward, Jana Garton

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Clary, Jesse Eckenroth, George Edwards, James Jones, Josh Morrison, Craig Garton, Mike Cook, Rachel Collins

Called to order at 5:15 pm

Motion to Accept the January 13, 2026, Public Safety Committee Agenda

Motion: Ward

Second: Garton

Vote: Approved unanimously

Motion to Approve the October 14, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Garton

Second: Ward

Vote: Approved unanimously

No Public Comments

No Ordinances and Resolutions

Other Agenda Items

Discussion: On Street Parking

Mayor Clary discussed the current code. Numerous complaints come in every month regarding illegal parking; most common complaints are cars parked too long and cars parked too far from the curb. Possible revisions to the current ordinance are necessary, currently states no on street parking between 1 am-5 am. Alderman Goodwin's main concern is that a fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles will not be able to get through if an emergency occurs. Alderman Goodwin inquired about a report being generated that would show problem areas with narrow streets. Alderman Collins pointed out that many streets are so narrow that on street parking should not be allowed at all. Chief Edwards specifically mentioned the Durham Farms subdivision; cars are parked on both sides of the narrow streets making it very difficult to maneuver the fire apparatus and could delay response time. Alderman Garton stated that currently many of these subdivisions do not have parking signs posted, providing signage could help. Alderman Ward reiterated that a compiled list of narrow streets would be helpful. Chief Jones pointed out that Plumlee and Shivel are narrow enough that when cars are parked on just one side of the street it would be difficult for a fire apparatus, even an ambulance to get through. Chief Jones also added that many streets are narrow enough to make it difficult for even patrol vehicles to get through when cars are parked on both sides of the street. Alderman Collins mentioned allowing parking on one designated side of the street, although it would be difficult to implement and enforce. Alderman Ward agreed that it could be confusing to residents, specific signage would be necessary. Chief Jones suggested changing the current ordinance of no parking between 1 am-5 am to state that parking is allowed from sunup to sundown. Chief Edwards pointed out that nighttime is when

more people are home, therefore there are more cars parked. Alderman Collins asked how many accidents involve people backing out of driveways. Assistant Chief Morrison stated that out of an estimated 2,200 accidents a year, maybe 15 of those involve residents backing out of their driveway and added that most of those are vehicles striking the mailbox while backing up. Alderman Goodwin suggesting holding off on any decisions until traffic and parking meet to discuss these issues.

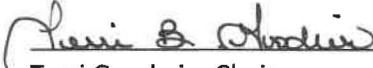
Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Ward

Second: Garton

Vote: Approved unanimously

Adjourned 5:34 pm



Terri Goodwin, Chair