



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 19, 2015
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call**
 - II. Discussion Items**
 - A. ONE WAY - SHADY LANE**
 - B. Information requested by the Board of Alderman concerning NO PARKING on E. Pearl St.**
 - C. HPD K-9 Program Discussion**
- Posted on City Hall Bulletin Board this 15th day of October 2015**

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

The Board of Aldermen meeting is an open meeting but is not a meeting of the public. There is a place on the agenda for comments of citizens under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Our rule is that comments by any individual or group shall not exceed (4) minutes. The Board of Aldermen request that concerns be initially addressed at the appropriate action level before coming to the Board of Alderman



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Jerry Gibbs, Director
DATE: September 25, 2015
SUBJECT: ONE WAY - SHADY LANE

Type of Item: Report**BACKGROUND**

A request has been received from Terry Clawson at 501 N. Lexington to make Shady Lane between Lexington and Lake Street one-way going east. Her concerns are vehicles are pulling on to her property causing damage and vehicle speeds. Staff had difficulty in deploying the traffic counter equipment, but it is estimated the volume is less than 75 cars a day.

ISSUE

Property damage will be ruts in the yard parallel to the road during wet periods. Drivers are generally courteous and find a wide spot to meet. However, some do not. Though the dollar value is not high, her frustration level is. The road width and surface roughness is not conducive to speed. The speed limit is 25 MPH. Staff did not observe speeding during their time on site. It would be safe to assume some people do speed on Shady Lane.

Making Shady Lane one way will not guarantee speeds will be reduced. It would reduce the number of vehicles needing to pull off the road when meeting another car. Another alternative would be to have a fence installed. It will change how four property owners will access their property. The neighborhood to the east will be impacted. Solving this issue may cause other issues to come forward.

The issues described above are symptoms that are real for Mrs. Clawson. Is it a problem the Board of Alderman should solve based on the request? There is not a traffic engineering solution unique to Shady Lane that would not be applicable to the other fourteen one-way streets.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff is not recommending any changes to Shady Lane at this time. A decision could be made after receiving further information by:

1. Inviting public participation from the surrounding area
2. Concurrence from property owners who have driveways on Shady Lane

Council Bill No.

Ordinance No.

ONE WAY - SHADY LANE

City of
Harrisonville
est. 1836

STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Rodney Jacobs, Director
DATE: October 8, 2015
SUBJECT: Information requested concerning parking on E. Pearl St.

Type of Item: *Report*

Type of Item: *Administrative*

Issue:

Information requested by the Board of Alderman concerning NO PARKING on E. Pearl Street after a resident on the 900 block made a request for NO PARKING be changed from the south side of Pearl Street to the north side in front of his residence.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend any changes to current NO PARKING zones on E. Pearl Street.

Background:

Street Description: This section of E. Pearl Street is a 30 feet wide curbed street with sidewalks on both sides. Fire hydrants set on the north side of Pearl Street from Price Street to Lake Street. Currently on E. Pearl Street, parking is prohibited on:

- The north side of Pearl St. from Price Street to King Street
- The south side of Pearl St. from King Street to Wirt Lane
- The north side of Pearl St. from Marler Lane to Lexington St.

Parking is allowed on both sides of the street From Wirt Lane to Marler Lane and an exemption for the Grace Baptist Church was allowed for parking on both sides of Pearl Street near the church on Sundays.

Options:

- Make no changes
- Change current parking to allow parking only on the south side from King Street to Bradley Street, leaving all other current NO PARKING zones in place. This change will affect 12 residents.
- Change current parking to allow parking only on the south side of Pearl Street from King Street to Wirt Lane. This change will affect 36 residents.

It is staff's opinion that if a change is going to be considered, that all residents in the area affected be given the opportunity to express their opinion in an open meeting.

Recommendation:

The request to change no parking is for convenience. Parking is allowed on many city streets where fire hydrants are located. Section 355.010 A2 prohibits parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant. The only known request for change has been for special hours of enforcement near a church and from the resident on the 900 block to requesting the parking to change to the south side of the street. For the reasons stated, staff does not recommend changing the current NO PARKING zones on E. Pearl St.

B. Discussion Item (ID # 2038)

Information requested by the Board of Alderman concerning NO PARKING on E. Pearl St.



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: October 15, 2015
SUBJECT: HPD K-9 Program Discussion

Type of Item: *Report*

Earlier this year we approached the Board of Alderman with a discussion items about obtaining a police canine for our enforcement efforts. After discussion and some consideration it was determined that there was an interest in obtaining a canine and that we would gather additional information and report back to the Board. At this meeting several questions were brought up and at this time we would like to report on our findings.

History: The HPD was approached by Wal-Mart earlier this year about purchasing a police canine for the HPD. The Wal-Mart manager, Josh Hurtado, would like to fundraise all of the funds needed to implement this program. Mr. Hurtado is will to fundraise not only for the canine but for all necessary equipment and training that is needed to implement the program.

Currently there are several disciplines of a certified canine trained for law enforcement. They include: Apprehension, Detection Work (Narcotic, Explosive, Cadaver, Custom), Tracking, and Patrol. We would be asking for a dual purpose dog that combines a fully trained police service dog that does bite work, building, area search and tracking with one of the single purpose tasks. This additional single purpose in our case would be narcotic detection. Narcotic detection shall include the basic odors marijuana/Hashish, cocaine, heroin/opiate and methamphetamine. We feel that these two disciplines through a certified canine program would address our biggest needs of the department. There are two types of canines available for purchase trained and untrained or green dogs. We would be purchasing a fully trained dog.

While implementing a police canine program it is crucial to do your research ahead of time. It is critical to choose a handler capable of following the rules, that is will to hand all of the responsibilities, and someone the fully understands the purpose of the program. In an effort to start our program successfully we recently visited the Kansas City Police Department K-9 division at KCPD South Patrol for guidance.

The KCPD K9 supervisors were more than willing to share their success stories as well as their failures and to assist us any way possible to make our program a success. During our visit we met with Sgt. Brown who serves as the canine program supervisor as well as a handler. We also met Major James Connelly who is the Division Commander and oversees the canine program. During our visit we were given a tour of their facility and shown a demonstration of an apprehension as well as a successful drug search.

Handler Selection: As stated earlier, choosing the right handler is imperative to the program. It is crucial that they know the demands of the position and are willing to accept them. In an effort to choose the right

handler from within our department Sgt. Brown suggested that we have any officers interested in being the k9 handler attend one of their weekly trainings. This would allow them to interact with the other local handlers as well as afford them to opportunity to see the canines work and get a better understanding of the demands of being a handler. They would even have the opportunity to have their own turn in the bite suit.

The next step in choosing a handler would be to run any interested officers through a selection process. Sgt. Brown has offered to assist us with this process to whatever extend we are comfortable. Sgt. Brown stated that he has provided this service for other municipality canine selection processes and that it has worked well. I feel using Sgt. Brown's expertise to assist with this process would be very beneficial to obtaining the proper handler.

Canine Selection: Choosing the appropriate canine for our needs as well as finding one that will be suited to our handler is a must. The KCPD uses Vohne Liche Kennels of Denver Indiana to supply their animals and we would suggest doing the same. Sgt. Brown has offered to travel to Indiana with us and assist us with the selection of our canine. All Vohne Liche Kennel dogs come with a comprehensive guarantee for both health and workability. I feel using Sgt. Brown's expertise in this area would be very beneficial to us. If you would like to review Vohne Liche Kennels their website is www.vohneliche.com <<http://www.vohneliche.com>>.

Canine Certification Training: Prior to putting the canine to work in Harrisonville the dog will need to be certified in each discipline. It is my understanding that KCPD certifies their own canines once they have established ownership from Vohne Liche Kennels. To obtain certification for our canine I would suggest that we utilize this service provided by Vohne Liche Kennels. The canine will need to be re-certified annually and this re-certification will be obtained through the assistance of the KCPD canine program.

Training: As you can imagine the training and the documentation of such training is very important to the success and the canine program. KCPD provides training weekly for their program. There is training during the day and in the evening depending on which shift the canine and its handler are assigned. Sgt. Brown has offered for us to attend this training weekly as needed. This would be very beneficial to our program. While participating in this weekly training we will also be shown how to properly document such training. As stated earlier the training is very important but the documentation is equally important should the canine's certification and training ever be questioned in court.

Policy: Having a very specific policy for this program is of the utmost importance. KCPD has not only shared their canine program standard operating policy (SOP) with us but they have also shared many of their forms they use with us. If approval is granted to move forward with the canine program this document will be adjusted to meet our needs. Currently KCPD's SOP has policy that is not needed such as for explosive sniffing canines.

I cannot express enough how important it is to have a solid policy to guide us. It will be stressed time and time again that this is a "WORKING DOG" and will be treated as such. It will be addressed in within the policy that the canine will not be for play or show. All canine demonstrations and visits will require prior approval by the Chief of Police without exception.

Insurance: I spoke with Aaron Ambrose from MPR he stated that adding a canine to our force would not

increase the cost of our coverage as what we pay is determined by our staffing level and adding a canine would not increase our staffing level. He stated that the canine will need to be added to our inland marine list however.

Equipment Needed: The largest expense in adding a canine to the force typically is the addition of a vehicle for the canine and handler to work out of. Sgt. Brown feels that the Ford Police Interceptor SUV is the premier vehicle to handle this type of work. Fortunately, we have a few of these in our existing fleet and could utilize one of these to fulfill our needs rather than purchasing a new vehicle. To keep from having to equip the canine unit multiple times do to starting with an existing vehicle with mileage I would suggest purchasing a new SUV with the funds that are already approved in the 2016 budget and assign it to the canine program. A canine vehicle insert will be needed and it is estimated at \$2500. A door pop system will also need to be added at an estimated cost of \$2000.

The next largest purchase is obviously the canine itself along with the training and certification. In speaking with Vohne Liche Kennels, a canine that comes with a guarantee and is pre-trained along with a Dual Purpose Police Dog Training Course (9 weeks) would be about \$16,000. This estimate does not include lodging and meals for the handler during the training.

The kennel run, which will be built at the handler's home, will include concrete work, a chain link kennel with a roof, and a large house. This comes at the recommendation of Sgt. Brown and is estimated at about \$5000.

Standard handler equipment for the training course as well as on duty and training equipment is estimated at \$1500. Also needed for training will be a bite suit which is estimated at an additional \$1600 and a couple bite sleeves which are estimated at \$400.

Handler Vacation: Sgt. Brown and the Kansas City Police canine program has offered to keep the Harrisonville Police Department canine should the handler be take an extended leave of absence.

Cost: As you recall from the prior meeting Wal-Mart manager, Josh Hurtado, has offered to fundraise the money necessary for the implementation of the program for the Harrisonville Police Department. This is estimated to be approximately \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Reoccurring Costs: The reoccurring annual costs should be about \$ 500 a year for Eukanuba performance food like the KCPD feeds their canines. Veterinarian services would be about \$600 per year, barring any unforeseen injury to the canine which would be annual shots, Heartgard and Flea and Tick control. After the first year these costs will be the responsibility of the City of Harrisonville.

Recommendation: I feel that Wal-Mart and the Kansas City MO Police Department has graciously offered to do whatever it takes to assist us with the implementation of a police canine program for the City of Harrisonville. As with anything there are associated risks involved, but I feel the benefit of having our own working canine would greatly assist us in our combat of illegal drugs within the City of Harrisonville. To have our own dog to assist us with drugs searches at our local schools and during

traffic stops, and to aid us in the apprehension of fleeing suspects would go a long ways in our efforts to make Harrisonville a safe and drug free community. Staff would like to graciously accept Wal-Mart and KCPD's offer of assistance for this program and continue moving forward with the implementation of the Harrisonville Police Department canine program. Mr. Hurtado will need to know that the Board of Alderman supports this program so that they can begin the fundraising.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

C. Discussion Item (ID # 2043)

HPD K-9 Program Discussion