

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
June 2, 2025

Chairperson Anchor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Dan Anchor, Ald. Troy Ryan, Ald. Ben Anderson and Mayor Wojnicz
 Absent:

 Others: City Administrator Karen Terry, Police Chief Nick Brinker, Ald. Mike Freel,
 Ald. Terry Marshall, Ald. Brian Holzem, City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa
 McClyman, City Attorney Tracy Waldinger, Municipal Court Judge Brian
 Landers and Police Administrative Assistant Brianna Sanner

Citizen Speaker(s): Ronald Wensley

2. Motion by Ald. Anderson seconded by Ald. Ryan to approve the February 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Chairman Anchor allowed for three minutes per Citizen speaker to express concerns from the Automotion event. One citizen spoke and expressed concerns for emergency services and citizens with emergencies not being able to navigate traffic quickly during that weekend. He also commended and thanked the emergency services in their efforts and work.
4. Police Chief Nick Brinker gave a brief overview of Automotion 2025. All WDPD officers worked Automotion weekend and there were multiple officers assisting from eight(8) mutual aid agencies. Chief Brinker supplied some statistics from the event weekend.

Police Chief Brinker identified the main problem areas to be:

- Traffic Congestion – all routes into the city were backed up for many miles in all directions
 - o Flock Cameras non-duplicating vehicle count (Bridge/87 Exit):
 - Friday – 64,662 vehicles
 - Saturday – 72,407 vehicles
- Groups Congregating at gas stations – Removed multiple groups many times per request
- Disturbances/Weapons Complaints – Unusually high number occurring this year

Police Chief Brinker advised, on Saturday night, they elected to stop all traffic from entering downtown for about 1½ hours. This allowed traffic downtown to “flush” and dramatically dropped the “temperature” of the crowds and vehicle traffic.

5. Discussion was had on possible changes of procedures for next year. Proposed ideas included, but not limited to:
- Increased Staffing
 - Pre-approved, published, scheduled shut-down times for the Kilbourn Bridge
 - More traffic control at intersections
 - Strong judicial support
 - Downtown shuttle service
 - Impounding of vehicles

6. No items for referral.
7. Motion by Ald. Anderson seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Brianna Sanner, Police Administrative Assistant