

**Minutes  
Public Safety Committee  
January 7, 2019  
6:00 PM  
2nd committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Scott Crosby and committee member Taft Matney. Committee member Larry Goodson was not present due to illness. Police Chief Bryan Turner, Fire Chief Bill Stewart and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Chairman Crosby
2. Public comment.- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes.– December 3, 2018  
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.  
Fire Chief Stewart reported the budget was doing well. Police Chief Turner said his budget is on track. Capital items such as cars are being purchased. Judicial' s budget looks good.
5. Old business
  - a. Noise ordinance- The noise ordinance was sent back to committee. The attorney had some wording questions and those have been corrected. Some new sound equipment for a and c scales were purchased and some experimentation has been ongoing. The city attorney called today to talk to Chief Turner about the c scale and some changes. A reading was done in a semi-residential environment at Carolina Fashions and he would like to explore this some more. He would like more time to look at that. There also is a question on where to set the noise limit, taking into account any ambient noise.

Councilman Matney said he understands and in looking at the charts, the numbers go across the board. True residential numbers, though, are missing. We need to make sure we include that so there is no flawed data. We also need to be cognizant of the levels that are set in the ordinance. There are very few places that are 50. Most are 60 and up. Councilman Matney said he

would like to follow the Chief's suggestion to get residential numbers. We could move it to council to allow a couple of weeks for information gathering. This process has been slow, and could hold off for another month if need be. He wants to make sure we get this right.

Chairman Crosby said he wants to recommend something to council that he thinks is good. He doesn't feel comfortable sending this for consideration yet. CF Sauer has a 97 + decibel reading. Where is this? Chief Turner said it is at the edge of the roadway. They were getting a shipment of something and that was a spike in the noise. The same thing happens if a vehicle hits reflectors in the road. Chief Turner said what is presented tonight is the same document with a new scale added.

Chairman Crosby asked if CF Sauer could have been cited with that high decibel reading. Chief Turner said someone would have to call and complain. The officer will also use common sense. The way the ordinance reads, the noise has to be consistent and at certain intervals. Dropping a pallet once during the week is not a violation. Chairman Crosby said that was what he wanted to hear. Chairman Crosby said there is an exception for airplanes. He wants to make sure that is a severable document. We included airplanes in the ordinance even though it is an exception.

Chief Turner wanted to make sure committee realized that gathering residential information was not the city attorney's suggestion. There is still some conversation between the two in relation to the document as to where to set the number on the scale. Any extra we can do to determine the number is good, but not the attorney's recommendation.

This item will be held one more month for information gathering.

6. New business
7. Public comment.

Jason Snyder: I am Jason Snyder and I live at 117 Devon Drive. I have not slept for weeks. I have to turn on every electrical device I have in the house to be able to sleep. I don't think that is right. I am really pushing to get this done

quickly. If you want to come into a residential area, come to my house. That is where the issue is. Imminent noise with CF Sauer, pallet dropping, we are used to that. We knew about that when we bought the house four years ago. Club Epic was not there. We never would have bought it if we knew Club Epic was there. I know you have attorney and there is things you need to go through, but I have been fighting this aggressively for about four months. It has been happening for years and is getting worse and worse. I appreciate what you guys are doing now getting the Dbc is great. Consider the residential. I can't imagine what is happening to the residents behind Club Epic because they are closer than I am. I would encourage you to think about the kids who wake up in the middle of the night because they can't sleep because of the bass. They are also hearing people curse because they park in Knollwood, too. Car doors, music playing, cursing at each other, and I am not even talking about the trash up and down Knollwood. I would appreciate you guys wrapping this up quickly because I would like to sleep and not be up until 2:00 a.m.

Chairman Crosby said he sympathizes and the caution is determination to get it right. We don't want someone cited who shouldn't be or someone to slip through who this ordinance was meant to deal with.

8. Committee concerns.

Councilman Matney said with all the rain, he has seen the aftermath of what is left behind as parking has bled into a residential area with tire tracks in beds and bushes, and litter, and things he never thought he would have to discuss and address. The infringement of this onto city residents is being taken very seriously and if that requires a heavier law enforcement presence to make sure the property is not disturbed, that can be done.

On another note, Councilman Matney got a text on Saturday afternoon from a man who was at the dog park at Lake Conestee whose car was broken into. The man let him know that after Greenville Police took the call, there was a ping on the wife's cell phone and they were able to locate the wife's purse and cell phone at CVS here in Mauldin. The man wanted Councilman Matney to thank Mauldin Police and Officer Padgett for the professionalism exhibited and cross-

jurisdictional cooperation. He said he was very fortunate to live and work near Mauldin.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk