

**CITY OF VERONA
PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 12, 2019
VERONA CITY HALL
MINUTES**

1. Call to order: Heather Reekie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Heather Reekie, Katie Kohl and Evan Touchett were present. Also present: Police Sergeant Jesse Christensen, and City Clerk Ellen Clark.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kohl, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A Special Event Permit application from Ryan Richards for the World Triathlon Corporation's Ironman Triathlon on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Christensen stated this is a solid event every year. This is the 18th year for the event. The Ironman event brings several thousand participants and spectators to the City. All police officers are assigned to this event to assist with traffic and road crossings. New construction on CTH M between Whalen Road and Locust Street was a topic of concern regarding bringing the bikes off of Whalen, up Main Street, and then onto Locust Street. Christensen and Richards walked that area, and developed a route that they believe is the safest for all involved. It will require the bikers to cross South Main Street diagonally from north to south, then follow South Main Street on the south side to Locust Drive. There will be a hard shut down on Locust Street to Bruce Street.

Touchett asked if there will be advance communication to the participants to let them know that there are areas in this section of the route that may be harder to navigate.

Christensen replied a meeting will be held the evening before the event to communicate any course changes for the year. Maps of the course will be available for participants, as well. Costs for police department presence will be reimbursed by the applicant.

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kohl, to approve a Special Event Permit application from Ryan Richards for the World Triathlon Corporation's Ironman Triathlon on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Re: A Special Event Permit application from Rita Mortenson, Verona Area High School (VAHS), for the VAHS Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. The route and time for the parade have not changed from last year. The parade begins at the K-Wing parking lot of the high school, travels south on CTH M, west on Verona Avenue, and north on Westlawn Avenue back to the high school parking lot.

Motion by Kohl, seconded by Touchett, to approve a Special Event Permit application from Rita Mortenson, Verona Area High School (VAHS), for the VAHS Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 4, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Reekie, seconded by Touchett, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Ellen Clark, City Clerk