

**Minutes
Public Safety Committee
July 2, 2018
6:00 PM
1st committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Scott Crosby, Committee members Taft Matney and Larry Goodson. Fire Chief Bill Stewart, Interim City Administrator/ Police Chief Bryan Turner and Interim Assistant City Administrator Van Broad were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Crosby
2. Public comment.- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes. –June 4, 2018
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.- Grant report from Fire Chief
Chief Turner reported his budget finished up well.
Chief Stewart reported his budget ended up 1% under.
Chief Turner reported on Judicial. The fee rates for incarceration are going up and have been included in the new budget.

Chief Stewart reported on the assistance to firefighters grant program. One grant is to purchase 1300 smoke detectors for fire prevention. \$15,015 is what will be given with a 5% local match of \$750.00 if we receive it.

The second grant is under operations and safety. There has been a 14% increase in cancer incidences in firefighters. This request is to purchase a diesel exhaust capture system for each station. Diesel has been proven to be carcinogenic. The amount of this grant is \$142,998 with a 10% local match. The newest station at Bethel and Bridges would not be eligible for the program because it is assumed the newer buildings already have them. Councilman Matney asked if Chief Stewart knew why the exhaust system was not put in that building. Chief Stewart said he did not know, but he could go back and look.

Chairman Crosby said he sees in the report that smoke detectors have a life of 10 years. He said his own detectors are probably 18 years old. He needs to check his and replace them.

5. Old business

6. New business

- a. Police mutual aid agreement with Greenville County- Chief Turner said we have two mutual aid agreements with Greenville County currently. One is for firefighting response to help with traffic control and support for the apparatus and personnel. The second one is the agreement between the County and City. The County does not need an agreement with us to provide services in Mauldin, because Mauldin is part of Greenville County. The situation may arise when we need to go perform services in the County. The sheriff would call to ask for our assistance in operations or intelligence gathering. The one in the packet is the one that is in effect with the County. There is an interim Sheriff and we just need to look at the agreement with him and make sure everything is like it should be. A new document should come from general counsel this week. We should have it in time for the council meeting this month.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to council with a recommendation for approval. Councilman Goodson seconded. He asked Chief Turner if the agreement now is still good. Chief Turner said yes, it is just because there is an interim Sheriff in office. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Police mutual aid agreement with Richland County- Chief Turner said he received notification from Sheriff Lott in Richland County. We have some expertise in areas that the Sheriff's Department in Richland could use. He has requested one of our officers come assist him in an operation. Sheriff Lott proposed a mutual aid agreement. This speaks volumes about our department and is impressive they are asking for our expertise.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to council with a recommendation for approval. Councilman Goodson seconded.

The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public comment.

Mayor Raines asked if the Greenville County agreement would be looked at by our city attorney. Chief Turner answered yes.

8. Committee concerns.- Councilman Goodson said he would like to get with Chief Turner on the evidence storage facility and see if they can improve the smell of it.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk