

**Minutes**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**March 4, 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Scott Crosby, Committee members Larry Goodson and Taft Matney. Police Chief Bryan Turner, Fire Chief Bill Stewart, Administrative Judge Angela Martin and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.**

1. Call to Order- Chairman Crosby
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
  - a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: February 11, 2019  
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
  - a. Budget Review- The Judicial budget looks good. The supplies line will go up because of computers that need to be purchased. Chief Turner reported his budget is where it should be. He bought some vehicles that are being outfitted now. Chief Stewart reported his budget is 4% under. His repair line will be over as they have had some significant repair costs.
  - b. Department Reports
5. Unfinished Business- None
6. New Business
  - a. Municipal Judge Appointments- Judge Salvini has been appointed to Greenville County Family Court. One of the two Associate Judges needs to be appointed as the Chief Judge. Administrative Judge Martin has suggested that a panel be convened to interview for the position. This panel would consist of Mayor Dennis Raines, Public Safety Chairman Scott Crosby, City Administrator Brandon Madden and Administrative Judge Martin. Once the main appointment has been made, an additional Associate Judge should be appointed so we always have three judges who can conduct our city court.

Councilman Matney made a motion to move this item to council for consideration. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of a contractual matter involving the South Greenville Fire District Automatic Aid Agreement as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Brandon said this would be on the way the city responds to calls within our annexed areas.

Councilman Matney said he thinks this is something that would be addressed with the Fire Chief and Captains, not through committee. Councilman Goodson said committee knows his feelings on this. He wants to respond to calls within the areas. Brandon said we will respond to the calls.

No executive session was needed.

- c. Possible action on item discussed in executive session- No executive session

#### 7. Public Comment- None

#### 8. Committee Concerns-

Councilman Matney said some public safety employees are leaving because of our benefits package. He would like to see a comparison between our benefits package and other municipalities and special purpose districts to see if there is something we need to address during budget this year.

It has come to Mr. Matney's attention there is a business that is contracting parking for their business through a company that offers armed security. Councilman Matney asked if the armed security is licensed and does the business have the legal authority to engage in the contract. Spillover parking is also impeding ingress and egress to a city street. Councilman Matney asks that the police department look into these issues.

Councilman Goodson said that he had talked to a Fire Chief recently and asked him if he was having trouble hiring and he answered yes. He said the firemen who have been there about 18 months to 2 years are leaving. Do you address trying to keep people who have been there a couple of years or focus on people who have been there a long time and know the city? If you lose the people who have been employed for about two years, you are losing the gap between your most experienced employees and your new hires.

Councilman Goodson said our insurance is much higher than other departments according to people he has talked to. Chairman Crosby asked Brandon to think about what we can do to retain people. Unemployment is low and it is harder to hire people and keep them. Councilman Matney said we gave small raises to police and fire last year, but the insurance is taking a huge chunk out of their salaries. Public Safety employees run to situations that everyone else runs away from and he would like them to be rewarded for that.

9. Adjourn- Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk