Minutes
Public Safety Committee
November 4, 2019
5th committee meeting
6:00 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Scott Crosby and Committee member Taft Matney. Administrative Judge Angela Martin, Police Chief Bryan Turner, Fire Chief Bill Stewart, and Brandon Madden, City Administrator were also present. Committee member Larry Goodson was not present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Crosby

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: October 7, 2019
      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
   a. Budget Review- Judge Martin said her budget is well below what it should be. Police and Fire budgets also look good.

   b. Department Reports

      SRO Data- Information only- Chief Turner reported the SRO program was changed a little this year. There are SROs in each of our schools including the elementary school and career center. They are helping with activities at night as well with dances and athletic events.

      Litter- Information only
      Traffic Study on Edgewood Drive- Information only. The traffic study is being done now. A second count will be done on the 6th of this month. The traffic seems to be as it should be. Most vehicles are doing the speed limit. 85% of vehicles are going at or below the speed limit. Chief spoke to the gentleman that brought the complaint and explained to him what he is experiencing with the traffic speeds. The speed trailer will be brought to Edgewood this week for more data collection.
It was requested by Chairman Crosby that the speed trailer also be brought to Bethel Road and North Golden Strip. The speeds that were counted on North Golden Strip are well below the posted speed limit. The average speed is 22 mph. The trailer is currently on Bethel.

The light meter came in today for the digital sign boards.

Litter conditions was brought up at the last council meeting. If someone is seen littering, a citation can be written. In years past, the police department organized a litter pickup day. That can be continued, or if there is a city-wide effort that needs to be started, committee can provide direction.

Councilman Matney said he is glad the Chief talked about SROs. They are a valuable tool for law enforcement and public relations. They are professional and are a bright spot for the police department. There are 42 towns in SC that have a smaller population than the student body of Mauldin High School. The SROs are essentially the police department for a small town.

Councilman Matney asked if inmate labor could assist with litter pickup after the trash pickup is completed. Brandon said this can be done. It could be done quarterly, but just needs to be planned out. He asked what the cost would be to keep them a little longer. Brandon said it wouldn’t be an extra cost, but they have to be back in Spartanburg before dark.

Chairman Crosby said quarterly sounds like a great idea.

Councilman Matney thanked the public works staff for their work in McDaniel Cemetery.

Chairman Crosby asked the four candidates for sheriff regarding the relationship between them and immigrants. He thanked Chief Turner for what the SROs do to build the relationship between the two groups.

Chief Stewart said he goes to church with a Biology teacher at MHS. She said the SROs are building relationships with the kids.

5. Unfinished Business- None
6. New Business

a. Executive Session for the consideration of contractual matters involving Fire Service contract as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Councilman Matney made a motion to go into executive session with Chairman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).
Chairman Crosby reconvened the meeting. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no actions were taken.

b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session- None

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk