

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
February 10, 2020
5th committee meeting
6:00 pm.

Members present were Chairwoman Carol King, Committee member Dale Black and Mayor Merritt who is sitting in the vacant seat. Police Chief Bryan Turner, Fire Chief Bill Stewart, Administrative Judge Angela Martin and Brandon Madden, City Administrator, were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: December 2, 2019

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Department Reports

Police Chief Bryan Turner

Budget Review

Edgewood Traffic Update

Chief Turner reported the budget looks good at this point.

Chairwoman King reminded those present that a resident had concerns regarding speeding on Edgewood Drive. At Council's request, the police department went out in November to get preliminary numbers. The 85th percentile were traveling 32 mph. A speed trailer was put out and with the trailer out, the speed was reduced from 32 mph to 20.7 mph. Patrol was saturated in the area. Nothing was located. There were no citations or warning issues. Now, 85 percent of the cars are travelling at or below the speed limit. Patrol will continue to monitor the situation. The new traffic calming policy has been passed. The department will take further measures if Council chooses.

Mayor Merritt said the problem looks to be worse from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chief Turner said the volume is higher in the morning and afternoon. Mayor Merritt said there are two speeders showing on Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and could be habitual offenders. The pattern does not appear to be repeated. Why wouldn't the department go back out on a Tuesday between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.? Chief Turner reported this was done for a little less than two weeks and didn't really see anything that was a definite pattern or trend.

Chairwoman King said this is not a cut-through street. The violators are either residents or visitors.

Administrative Judge Angela Martin
Budget Review

The department is 8% under budget. A disposition docket from the last session of jury trials was handed out to committee. 72 cases were disposed of that week.

Fire Chief Bill Stewart
Budget Review
Fire Code Update; Food Truck Requirements

The department is 4% under budget.

In 2018, the state adopted new International Codes. Within the fire code is some additional safety requirements for food trucks. The information was disseminated to the food trucks by the fire department and BDS, and each truck is making an appointment with the fire department to be inspected. There is a propane gas detector required now which can be purchased for about \$40.00. Chief Stewart said he has gotten a lot of questions, but no complaints. 10-12 trucks have been inspected. There are about 16 trucks that are currently permitted through BDS.

This is for information only.

Chairwoman King thanked the Chiefs for their response to the flooding last week as well as Public Works.

Mayor Merritt thanked Chief Stewart for the ride-along with the fire department. He learned a lot. The fire hose training was eye-opening.

5. Unfinished Business-
6. New Business

- a. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of contractual matters involving the Belmont Fire District as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Councilman Black made a motion to move into executive session with Chairwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

Chairwoman King reconvened the meeting. Councilman Black reported no decisions were made and no action taken.

- b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session

Councilman Black made a motion to send this item to council. Chairwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Councilwoman Kuzniar said when the speed trailer is in the neighborhood, people automatically slow down. She saw a family whose kids were running around the trailer to see how fast they were running. She said it was a lot of fun.

8. Committee Concerns

9. Adjourn- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk