

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
Monday, May 4, 2020
1st committee meeting

Members present were Chairwoman Carol King, Committee members Dale Black and Terry Merritt, who is sitting in for our vacant council seat. They were all present remotely. Police Chief Bryan Turner, Interim Fire Chief Brian McHone and Administrative Judge Angela Martin were all present remotely, and City Administrator Brandon Madden was present onsite at city hall.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: March 2, 2020

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

- a. Department Reports

Police Chief Bryan Turner

Budget Review- The department is running at 28% currently. There will be a couple of things coming through the budget before the end of the year. Chairwoman King asked if there were plans underway for National Night Out. Chief Turner said music has been scheduled and the event will be planned mostly in June and July for the August event.

Administrative Judge Angela Martin-

Budget Review- The ideal remaining percentage is 19% and the department is currently at 34%.

Interim Fire Chief Brian McHone

Budget Review- The budget is currently 21% and the ideal remaining percentage is 16%. Chairwoman King said she was happy with the training numbers that were given by Mr. Madden in the administrative report.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

- a. Authorization to Proceed on Disposal of Surplus Equipment- The amount of the surplus equipment exceeds \$15,000 and requires authorization of council. Councilman Black asked if the American LaFrance truck was the one that has been out of service for a while. Chief McHone said it has been at Station 47 for about 10 years. There was talk about it being used as a parade/funeral truck, but nothing ever was done.

Councilman Black asked if the equipment was still on it. Chief McHone said it has been stripped. Councilman Black asked if it would be of any service to any volunteer departments. Chief McHone said he could ask.

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

7. Public Comment

Holly asked about pushing this property disposal out to July 1st because this is not part of the budget amendment that will be on the Finance agenda tonight. Brandon said we wanted to put the 60 days advertisement provision in there to give more people a chance to bid on the equipment at Gov Deals because of COVID 19. We can wait to do the disposals after July 1st.

Councilman Matney said it is good to see the fire department doing driver training in the neighborhoods and it is great from a community relations standpoint. He also thanked the police department for checking on students since they are not in school to make sure they are ok both physically and mentally and letting them know that we still care about them.

Chairwoman King said she is seeing more police presence in her neighborhood and she appreciates seeing the extra patrols especially with more people at home right now.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk