

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 3, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Committee Members present: Carol King (Chair), Dale Black, and Jason Kraeling

Other members present: Interim Police Chief George Miller, Administrative Judge Angela Martin (via Zoom), City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: April 5, 2021

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was 2-0. Councilman Black was not present at the April meeting and did not vote.

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

- a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

- i. Budget Review- Mr. Madden reported the fire department budget looked good. He did talk to Chief McHone and his son should be released from the hospital tomorrow.

- b. Judge Angela Martin

- i. Budget Review- The department is 18% under budget.

- c. Interim Police Chief George Miller

- i. Budget Review- The police department budget remaining percentage is 25%.

- ii. Dispatch Console Update- The dispatch consoles are coming to the end of their lifespan. When the switch from 400 MHz to 800 MHz radios happens, it will be a safety issue. The new radios can transmit, but the man down button will not show which officer is down. The State bid from Mobile Communications \$73,161.20 to update the consoles. This item will come up in Finance as part of the amendment to the budget.

Councilman Black asked if County 911 would give us any assistance with the upgrades. Interim Chief Miller said he would look into that.

Councilman Kraeling asked if there was any other impact other than the officer down. Mr. Madden said this will ensure the transition is smooth. Interim Chief Miller said the officer identifier would not work on the 800 MHz system either.

- iii. Donation of Surplus Police Vehicle- The Golden Strip Career Center has asked for a donation of a surplus vehicle for their law enforcement class. The vehicle would be used for transport training, traffic stops, high risk traffic stops and tactical approaches from the vehicle.

The City has a 1999 Crown Vic, Unit #108. It has 155,701 miles on the odometer that is salvaged. It would be used in their law enforcement program for teaching purposes only. They would surrender the title and they would remove "Mauldin" from the graphics. The serviceable equipment has already been removed from the vehicle and repurposed. The cost of the donation is approximately \$5,000.

Interim Chief Miller reported Officer Ari Moser went to After School Plus and read to the kids out there. The department received a \$2500 grant and a \$1000 grant for deterring alcohol sales to underage minors.

Officer James Madden has just been announced as our Community Officer. He will be working with the community for outreach. We are working on starting a Community Action Team of four officers.

There are some vests in the supply room that are old and cannot be used. The police department has a way to recycle those and will do that.

All K9s will be trained and certified on Wednesday.

Lt. Boyd and her husband donated pictures of the fallen K9s. The two most recent pictures will be put up today in the hallway.

- iv. Results of External Public Survey – Police Chief Recruitment

Mr. Madden reported on the survey results. They will be placed on the website. We received 72 responses. The results will be used for the recruitment brochure. Chairwoman King said it was encouraging that the results mirrored the Council goals.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business

6. New Business

- a. Resolution approving the sale and transfer of City property- This is for K9 Ambrose.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Black seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilman Black said he would like to see an increased police presence at our recreational activities. Councilman Kraeling also mentioned Swamp Rabbit Trail and the need for police presence there.

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk