

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Committee Members: Carol King (Chair), Dale Black, and Jason Kraeling
Others present: Fire Chief Brian McHone, Interim Police Chief George Miller, and City Administrator Brandon Madden. Administrative Judge Angela Martin was present via Zoom.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: May 3, 2021

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

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Fire Chief Brian McHone
 - i. Budget Review- The budget is on track and 11% under.
 - ii. Training Update

There are 16 training hours per month per person. 16 hours times 48 people is 768 hours per month. ISO requires 9,216 hours per year.

Total training hours for the last few years are as follows:

3,438 hours in 2017- The department updated data collection that year, so the numbers are down
14,758 training hours in 2018
13,154 hours in 2019
13,370 hours in 2020

From January to May of this year the department has had 7,134 training hours. 17,121 hours are projected for 2021.

Chairwoman King asked what kinds of activities are included in training. Chief McHone answered leadership training, touring facilities, and many other different activities.

- b. Judge Angela Martin
 - i. Budget Review- The department budget is 20% under.
- c. Interim Police Chief George Miller
 - i. Budget Review- The department is 8% under budget.

Interim Chief Miller reported the police department has new SUVs with a black and white color scheme.

ii. Radio Purchase Update

In the 2021 budget, there was money set aside for new radios and a repeater. The department does not need a repeater, so the extra money will be used to buy additional radios.

Interim Chief Miller reported Officer James Madden started his first full day as the Community Liaison Officer. The department is in the process of planning National Night Out. There will be a neighborhood get-together with Mauldin Gardens before NNO.

The Golden Strip Career Center sent a certificate of appreciation for the vehicle donation as well as the department providing a guest instructor to the Center.

5. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

- a. Web Portal State Contract- The Mauldin Municipal Court has a contract with South Carolina Interactive which allows for the processing of credit card payments. The current version of the Web Portal State Term Contract with South Carolina Interactive, LLC (SCI) will expire July 15, 2021. With this in mind, the South Carolina Department of Administration (Adm in), in conjunction with the South Carolina Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), is currently developing the requirements for a new contract solicitation. During the interim, county, and local governments will be able to continue using this contract for an additional year. Please note that there could be a possibility of a new vendor being used once the new contract has been awarded. The SC Department of Administration will continue to provide updates and information in reference to any potential vendor changes and will assist with any transitions as needed.

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

Councilman Black said there is a small fee to use the service to pay by credit card. This is standard practice.

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

- b. SC School for the Deaf and Blind Contract- The Mauldin Municipal Court on occasion has to rely on the interpreting services provided by the SC School for the Deaf and Blind for defendants or victims that are hearing impaired or blind. On average their services may be required twice per year for court. There is no fee until the school is called on for their service.

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

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

c. Animal Cares Services Agreement- The consolidation of the City Public Works Operations from McDougall Ct. & Jenkins St. to 700 E. Standing Springs Road is ongoing. The property is slated to be developed as a component of the City Center project. In addition to the City Public Works Operations, the City's kennel is housed at the Jenkins St. property. The kennel is used to care for dogs and cats impounded through the Police Department's Animal Control Division. Given that the kennel will no longer be used once the City operations have fully transitioned to E. Standing Springs Road, the City can contract with Greenville County to provide shelter, wholesome food, water, and veterinary care for dogs and cats impounded and delivered to Greenville County Animal Care by the City's Animal Control Officers or Law Enforcement Officers. The cost associated with this agreement is \$100 per dog or cat delivered to the County. Funding has been budgeted in the FY2022 budget to cover this cost.

Chairwoman King asked how many animals are taken to the County. Interim Chief Miller said it is hard to say. Some animals are frequent fliers. City Administrator Madden said the number that was included in the budget is 67, based on numbers from the last three years. Attempts are made to find the owners of the animal before the animal is taken to the County. Interim Chief Miller said the department scans the animal and puts pictures on Mauldin Lost and Found.

Councilman Black asked what the cost difference would be between us housing the animal and taking them to the County with labor, food, and the liability. Interim Chief Miller said we have also had to take animals to the vet when we kept them. Greenville County Animal Care also has a drop-off area after hours with food and water available.

Chairwoman King said she is not opposed to this, but wants to make sure the residents know we won't house animals anymore. We need to get the word out.

Councilman Black asked if there is a charge to pick up animals from the City. Interim Chief Miller said we do not charge residents to pick their animals up. There is no charge from Greenville County either.

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

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

7. Public Comment- Joel Ann Chandler asked if there was still a tree ordinance. She is concerned about large trees being removed for developments. City Administrator Madden said there is a standard in place. If large trees are removed, they must be replaced with a certain number of trees depending on the size of the trees removed.
8. Committee Concerns- Councilman Kraeling asked about golf cart fees, possibly looking at Peachtree, Georgia and Isle of Palms and what they do to handle golf carts.

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk