

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
3rd committee meeting

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

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

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Allgood seconding.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Fire Chief Brian McHone
 - i. Budget Review- Chief McHone reported the department is under budget.
 - ii. Capital Purchase Update

A capital purchase for a Fire Marshal pickup truck was made in FY 2022. Two purchase orders were required, but only one was submitted. One should have been done for the truck and one for the accessories. An invoice was received for the accessories for approximately \$10,000. A repeater for \$9,000 is in the CIP budget this year. The department does not need a repeater. The budget will cover the overage because it wasn't picked up in the previous budget year.

- b. Judge Angela Martin
 - i. Budget Review- The Judicial Department is 5% under budget. Court Administration still has a mask mandate in place during trial proceedings.
- c. Police Chief George Miller
 - i. Budget Review- The budget is at 59%. The new police cars have been picked up and taken to have the accessories installed. Sam Harrell has come home after 10 weeks in the hospital.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

- a. Administrative Judge Appointment- Cierra Howard was interviewed for part-time Administrative Judge in December and is being recommended for hire. She will only be paid when called in to work. Judge Martin said the Judge training school may be held online and if so, we will cheaper than the \$2200 stated financial impact.

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

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

- b. Ordinance Restricting Trucks along Hamby Drive- A concerned resident brought this issue to the City's attention. Hamby Drive is a small, narrow residential cut-through. This ordinance would restrict semi-trucks from traveling on Hamby Drive and also includes signage.

Food Lion has been reached out to and asked to please educate their employees on this issue.

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

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

- c. Traffic Calming Forrester Creek Drive and Forrester Creek Way

A resident requested a traffic calming study on Forrester Creek Drive and Forrester Creek Way. Based on the City's traffic calming policy, the traffic data collected on Forrester Creek Drive does not justify speed humps. However, over 60% of the property owners in the Forrester Creek Subdivision, via a signed petition, support having speed humps. Council's consideration and direction on the installation of level 2 traffic calming methods is requested.

Two humps are being asked for by the neighborhood. Chief Miller believes one would be sufficient. Councilman Allgood asked how this study compared to the numbers on Edgewood, where speed humps have previously been installed. Chief Miller said it is very similar, with the homeowners requesting the humps after they were found to not be justified by the study. Chairwoman King said it is very comparable. Chief Miller will get the Edgewood Drive information to Council. Chairwoman King asked if there could also be a drawing of the recommended placement sent to Council before the meeting. She said she has a hard time telling a resident no to a speed hump when the majority of homeowners think it is needed.

Mr. Hardin from Forrester Creek said there is a stop sign near his house. He wishes everyone would at least do a rolling stop, as a lot of people disregard it. The stop signs are not helping to slow the traffic. He said he has grandchildren and would feel safer with a speed hump slowing the traffic down. Chairwoman King said it is important to know the placement of signage and the speed humps before a decision is made. Some of the residents may not realize where the signage or the humps may be installed.

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

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

7. Public Comment- None
8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk