

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
3rd committee meeting

Committee Members: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood (via Zoom), and Jason Kraeling

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman Carol King
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: February 7, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve 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

The budget is on track. Two new engines were delivered last Friday. Next week, the new aerial truck will be inspected in Wisconsin, and it should be here by the end of March.

- b. Judge Angela Martin
 - i. Budget Review

The department is 5% under budget. As of March 1, 2022, masks are no longer required in the courtroom. Judge Howard will be starting Judges' school on March 14th. Jury trials will be held March 28th– 31st.

- c. Police Chief George Miller
 - i. Budget Review

The budget is 6% under.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.
6. New Business
 - a. Therapy dog

Cpl. Harley Sefcik presented to the Committee a proposal for a Therapy dog. Dally was present as an example therapy dog.

Therapy Dogs have proved useful in many instances such as calming someone with PTSD, detecting if a diabetic is about to have sugar issues, assisting the blind and assisting police departments with critical incidents. After speaking with other handlers from other agencies it has

been determined that having a Therapy Dog is beneficial. They can be used for critical situations, which we have had several recently that one could have been used for, community events, such as Beachin' Fridays, National Night Out, school presentations, and visits to assisted living facilities. These Therapy Dogs are good conversation starters between the handler and the public to build bridges for a better relationship with the communities.

The Therapy Dog will be donated, and is bred for this specific job. All equipment for the dog and the vehicle equipment will be donated. Training and certification are free as well as grooming, shots and bedding and other incidentals. Food will be free the first 6 months and after that, donors will pay \$25.00 for a monthly bag of dog food. A vet visit 2 times a year for a check-up will be the City's responsibility.

Chairwoman King thanked Cpl. Sefcik for her presentation. Councilman Kraeling said this would be a great program. The dog we will receive is the breeder's first-born female. Chief Miller will decide who will handle the dog.

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

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

- b. Contract Amendment- Last month the guaranteed maximum price was passed through Council. This is to approve the contract as amended.

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 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk