

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 2, 2022, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

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

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

Motion: Councilman Allgood 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- Chief reported the budget is on track.
 - ii. City-wide Siren System

Chief McHone was asked to look at the cost to put tornado sirens throughout the City. Depending on the size of the sirens, the prices are between \$8,000 and \$50,000 each, not including installation. The siren noise only travels 100 feet, so we would need several. Councilman Kraeling asked if this item was brought up from a concern that someone might not get an emergency notification on their cell phone. Mr. Madden answered this was brought up by a member of Council.

No municipalities in the surrounding areas have sirens. Oconee has one at the nuclear power plant. Laurens County has sirens. No action was needed on this item.

- b. Judge Angela Martin
 - i. Budget Review- Judge Martin reported she is 8% under budget in her department.
- c. Police Chief George Miller
 - i. Budget Review- Chief Miller reported the police department is 9% under budget. Margo is at the department now. Chairwoman King asked where the name Margo came from. Chief Miller said she is named after Austin Gotowka, who was a police officer killed in a motorcycle accident on his way to work. M for Mauldin, A for Austin, R stands for Austin's middle name, and Go stands for his last name, Gotowka.

The hot dog lunch at Springfield Park went well.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business

6. New Business

a. SRO Agreement

This item is the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement with the Greenville County School District for the provision of SROs at Mauldin High, Mauldin Middle, Mauldin Elementary, Bethel Elementary and the Golden Strip Career Center.

The City has two agreements with the Greenville County School District for the provision of SROs. One agreement is for the provision of 3 SROs from the City Police Department – 2 SROs at Mauldin High and 1 SRO at Mauldin Middle. This agreement expires June 30, 2022. The second agreement with the Greenville County School District is for the provision of SROs at Bethel and Mauldin elementary schools. This agreement automatically renews annually.

The SRO agreement being considered is for the provision of SROs at Mauldin High, Bethel Elementary, Mauldin Middle, Mauldin Elementary, and the Golden Strip Career Center. This agreement also merges the foregoing agreements into one.

Councilman Allgood asked if the City pays for these School Resource Officers. Mr. Madden answered the City pays for the officers and the school district reimburses a portion of the expenditure. The school district pays \$100,000 to the City for the 2 SROs at Mauldin High and 1 SRO at Mauldin Middle, and \$22,282 for the roving SRO at Bethel Elementary, Mauldin Elementary, and the Golden Strip Career Center. Councilman Allgood asked if the portion paid was the same as last year. Mr. Madden said yes, it is about the same.

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

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

Chief Miller advised committee the Greenville County Sheriff's Office thanked the police and fire departments for their help in evacuating the students to Brookwood during the school shooting incident. The School Superintendent also wrote a letter of appreciation.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk