

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2022, 6PM  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5 E. BUTLER ROAD  
3<sup>rd</sup> meeting

Committee Members present: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling  
Others present: Fire Chief Brian McHone, Police Chief George Miller, Interim City Administrator Rebecca Vance

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
  - a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: July 5, 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.

Hydroseeding has been done at the new fire station.

The fire department went to Mauldin High School band camp and sprayed the members with water in the hot afternoon.

- b. Police Chief George Miller
  - i. Budget Review- The department is under budget.

The Youth Academy went well. Citizens' Academy will start in October.  
National Night Out is tomorrow evening.

Officer Sefcik brought Margo to the meeting for an update. The department received her on April 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. She is being used about 50% of the time on calls. She participates in community outreach, calls for service, employee wellness, and even business crime prevention. They are LEAP certified. Margo has passed her beginner and intermediate classes. She will go to Florida for her therapy dog certification.

Her food is 100% paid for by Hollywood Feed for the rest of her life. Roper Mountain Animal Hospital will cover her vet costs for the rest of her life. She goes to Paws and Claws for Grooming, and Astro Kennels is providing training for her. Never Forget 911 Foundation is going to raise money for her K9 Equipment and vehicle.

Several agencies in South Carolina have contacted us and North Charleston PD for contact with Leslie's Goldendoodles, Margo's breeder. One department in Illinois has also contacted us for help with their therapy dog program.

Margo Monday will be a reading program for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade where she will go and have the students read to Margo for practice. Officer Sefcik is also working on a motorcycle awareness week in honor of Officer Gotowka.

Chairwoman King said there is a young girl in the community who has cancer. Margo went to visit her. Chairwoman King said she was so happy to see that the little girl was smiling and able to play with Margo and she made her feel better while going through treatments.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Clemson University Mutual Aid Agreement

We have assisted Clemson University with their home football games for about 15 years. Council approves the mutual aid agreement every year.

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

Councilman Allgood asked how this impacts the community here. Chief Miller answered this is for off-duty officers and does not affect the City's police presence.

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

b. Open Burning Permit for Adams Glen

Terra Flex Group is the developer for Adams Glen and has asked for a burn permit. This property is off of Ashmore Bridge Road. No open burning is allowed in the City so a permit must be approved by Council.

Councilman Allgood asked if the land is over 5 acres and if what would be burned is native to the site. Andy Brown from Terra Flex answered that the property is 108 acres and most of what will be burned is dead debris. Mr. Brown thinks it will take 5-6 days to burn.

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

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

7. Public Comment- None
8. Committee Concerns- Mr. Allgood thanked Judge Martin for her service to the City. Chairwoman King asked if the Building Codes committee could look at the possibility of striking the open burn permit approval from Council from the codes. She believes staff is able to make this decision without Council direction.
9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk