

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd meeting

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

Others present were: Fire Chief Brian McHone, Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado, and Police Chief George Miller. City Administrator Seth Duncan was also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: August 7, 2023

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes.
Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone- Chief McHone reported the new headquarters station is 99% completed. There will be a meeting with the architect and general contractor on Monday, September 11th to go over the final punch list.

b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado- Judge DeRado reported the department has had the online payment service for about two months and has received \$10,000 in online payments.

Court will continue to be held twice a week.

The State Chief Justice may mandate that all municipal courts go on Court Management Software. The department is looking into how to transfer to the software in case that mandate comes down.

c. Police Chief George Miller- Chief Miller reported Sgt. Madden has been named the Alcohol Enforcement Officer of the Year and is now coordinator of the enforcement program to stop restaurants and businesses from selling alcohol to minors.

Captain Boyd will retire Friday. Tab Clardy will take over as Captain in October.

Mr. Putnam met with staff to come up with some suggestions for preventing vehicle accidents. Some suggestions that came out of the meeting were running solid blue lights on the vehicles, coming up with an incentive program, having additional driver training on the Ford Explorers, starting an incident review board that would look into the circumstances of each accident, less time for officers using cell phones and computers while driving- dispatchers will start logging property checks again-, and having a pep talk at the beginning of a shift.

Chairwoman King liked the ideas and looks forward to hearing more.

National Night Out will be October 3rd.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Mauldin Fire Department State Appropriation Budget

As part of the State of South Carolina 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, appropriations were made to the City of Mauldin Fire Department for various capital improvements. Funding is being provided by Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and totals \$250,000. As part of the City’s request for the funds, the City identified specific capital items to be purchased, upgraded, or improved including washer/extractor, station generator, various facility repairs and more.

The following narrative summarizes conservative estimates for the projects identified in the City’s original request and requests from staff that fall under the “other facility repairs and improvements.” Below is a summary table for each item.

| Item | Cost | Location |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Washer/Extractor | \$25,000 | HQ |
| Hose Dryer | \$30,000 | HQ |
| Plymovent | \$50,000 | HQ |
| Interior Improvements | \$15,000 | Station 1 |
| Exterior Improvements | \$10,000 | Station 1 |
| Station Generator Replacement | \$90,000 | Station 2 |
| Exterior Improvements | \$30,000 | Station 2 |

New Headquarters Capital

The department seeks to upgrade several pieces of outdated equipment for the new station including the washer/extractor, hose dryer, and plymovent system.

Station 1 Upgrades/Improvements

At Station 1, the department seeks to make improvements inside and out. Interior improvements will be to remove old wallpaper, painting throughout, trim work, kitchen improvements, and more. On the exterior, the department will reface the building, address some trim work and the like. The department seeks to allocate \$15,000 for interior improvements and \$10,000 for exterior work.

Station 2 Upgrades/Improvements

At Station 2, the department would like to replace the generator for the entire station and make exterior improvements. Outside, the department will repaint the exterior and make any needed repairs to the stucco. Staff anticipates the generator and installation could cost as much as \$90,000 and would like to allocate \$30,000 for Station 2 exterior improvements.

A buffer or contingency amount has also been added for flexibility.

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

Councilman Allgood asked if this is something we normally receive. Mr. Duncan said he thinks this is the first time the City has asked for the money. The state legislators approved these funds.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk