

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
April 2, 2019

The Public Safety Committee met on April 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairman Hughes, Alderman Sharp, Alderman Braun

Others in attendance: Clerk Hurd, Mayor White,  
Police Chief Mettille, Fire Chief Benisch

Absent: None

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BUDGET REVIEW**

Chief Mettille stated that he had reviewed the budget and he is within the budget at this time.  
Chief Benisch stated that he had reviewed the budget and he is within the budget at this time.

**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT PEARCE:**

Clerk Hurd presented the special event request from Pearce Community Center for the annual 5K Race. The event request was reviewed and it was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the event.

**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT EASTER EGG HUNT:**

Clerk Hurd presented the special event request a submitted by Shirley Loser for the use of the City Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event request was reviewed and it was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the event.

**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT CLAUDE ELEN DAYS:**

No action'

**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT RIDE THE RAILS:**

Clerk Hurd presented the special event request as submitted by ED Director Rachael Parker for the use of City Park during the Ride the Rail event to be held May 18, 2019. The event request was reviewed and it was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the event.

**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT TRI 2 BEAT MS:**

Clerk Hurd presented the special event request as submitted by Leanne Stickel for the use of Second St. from Walnut to Shore Acres on June 3, 2019. The event request was reviewed and it was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval for the event.

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**APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENT JOANNA SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Clerk Hurd presented the special event request as submitted by Joanna Smith Photography for the use of City Park on April 27, 2019. The request was reviewed and it was the consensus of the committee to seek council approval.

Mayor White informed the committee that he will present a Not for Profit Special Event Application at the next city council meeting for the Illinois Blues Coalition (Summer Camp).

**AMENDED TOW POLICY:**

Chief Mettille informed the committee that the tow policy had not been updated since 2010. The policy was reviewed. Chief Mettille recommended to change the number of tow companies from 3 to 2, add “the owner and all drivers of the tow truck must not have a felony conviction”, and additional information will be added to the application (Name of all tow truck drivers, date of birth of all tow truck drivers and documentation showing that the owner and all tow truck drivers have taken and passed the Traffic Incident Management Course. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the amended/updated Tow Policy.

**PURCHASE AMUNITION:**

Chief Mettille requested to purchase ammunition in the amount of \$2,160.22 (to be taken from the general equipment fund). The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval.

**PURCHASE TASERS:**

Chief Mettille informed the committee that the departments current Tasers are over 10 years old. He needs to purchase 11 new Tasers for his officers. He informed the committee that he has include the purchase amount (\$22,290.00) in his 2019-2020 Police Protection budget. He informed the committee that he needs to get the Tasers ordered and would like the committee to seek council approval at the April 8, 2019 meeting for the purchase. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the purchase of 11 Tasers to be paid out of the 2019-202 Budget (Police Protection Fund).

**PURCHASE BODY CAMERA:**

Chief Mettille requested to purchase 1 Body Camera from WatchGuard in the amount of \$1,375.00 for the new police officer that will be hired. He explained to the committee that ½ of the cost for the camera will be reimbursed from the School District. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval.

**SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PROGRAM:**

Chief Mettille reviewed the proposed Surveillance Camera Program. Discussion was held with Alderman Hughes stating he was not in favor and Alderman Sharp and Alderman Braun in favor. Chief Mettille requested that the committee take it to the council for approval. With the majority of the committee in favor it will be taken to the council April 8<sup>th</sup> for approval.

**REPAIR – FIRE STATION WATER DAMANGE**

Chief Benisch advised the committee that repairs need to be done to Station #1 engine room sink. He requested \$965.96 be paid to Lawson’s Plumbing for the repairs. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the repairs.

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Chief Benisch advised the committee that there is a mold issue on one wall at Station #2 due to a leak in the roof that happened some time back. He asked the committee for approval for the repairs to the wall in the amount of \$1,700.00 to be paid to Dunbar Construction. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the repairs.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Mettillie presented and reviewed monthly reports.  
Chief Mettillie requested the purchase of 1 Ballistic Shield and 1 Thunderbolt Ram. Discussion was held. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the purchases.

**FIRE UPDATE:**

Chief Benisch presented and reviewed monthly reports.

**NEW/OLD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

Chief Mettillie informed the committee that he followed up with the property owner (Allied Welding) of - 1807 Finney St. (property that the city sold to Allied Welding) in regards to the structure being demolished. He was told by the property owner that they are currently getting bids with full expectations of the property being demolished early in May. He will report back to the committee at the May meeting. Mayor White informed the committee that Attorney Seghetti also sent a letter to the owners.

Discussion was held on the property of 419 Second Street. Clerk Hurd passed out a copy of the written response from the property owner. Mayor White informed the committee that some of the roof had been shingled but not much improvement. The consensus of the committee was to have an officer follow up with the property owner.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**609 SECOND – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

Discussion was held. Chief Benisch informed the committee that no repairs have been made. The consensus of the committee was to have Chief Mettillie contact the owner. The property will be reviewed at the next committee meeting and if no repairs are done a Notice to Appear will be issued by Chief Mettillie.

**FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**

Mayor White informed the committee that the ordinance was passed out at the last meeting. He noted that the main concern was to identify who the city would have enforce the ordinance. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the committee to have Mayor White contact the City Engineer for recommendations.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

Special Events: Pearce, Easter Egg Hunt, Ride the Rails, Tri 2 Beat MS and Joanna Smith Photography  
Amended Tow Policy  
Purchase: Ammunition, Tasers, Body Camera, Ballistic Shield & Ram  
Surveillance Camera Program  
Repair Fire Station – Water Damage

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Hurd, City Clerk