

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, May 9, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers and Don Bormann. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon and Library Director, Jack Meyer. Absent: Jim Lee, and Andrea Vollrath

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

None.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

B. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Grenke noted that we were about 50 incidents higher this year for the month of April. Wilkins complimented the police on the recent successful completion of a series of arrests. Chief Dudgeon emphasized that the most important thing is that no suspects or police were injured. Chief Dudgeon noted Sergeant Bellamy and Corporal Kribbs did the majority of the work and he was very proud of their excellent work.

2. *In car cameras* Wilkins noted that that a copy of the bid for in-car cameras was sent to the Committee. Harline said that we could accommodate \$3,300 in the small tools. Dudgeon noted that in this day and age cameras are needed to back up the report of the police officer. Chief Dudgeon said that they are using lapel cameras, but the car cameras are important to prosecutors for probable cause determination on traffic stops. Grenke noted that the cameras saved the City from a lawsuit in an incident shortly after he was on the Board. Dudgeon added that this model automatically activates with the emergency equipment and the data is easy to get out of the machine. Dudgeon replied to a question from Bormann that this was a good model. Harline said that when he was at the City Managers conference last week he had learned that the Digital Ally brand the police had chosen was a high quality unit. Harline reported that he feels that the City could absorb the relatively small amount of money and that he and the Chief would try and coordinate better on larger purchases next year during budget development. Harline asked for a motion from the Committee to approve the purchase. **Grenke made a motion to purchase the dashboard camera equipment for \$3,315.00 from Digital Ally of Lenexa, KS. The motion was seconded by Rodgers and passed by unanimous voice vote.**

3. *Other*

Police Chief Dudgeon noted that he sent Lt. Bias to a reception at US Representative Vicky Hartzler's office for law enforcement agencies and the Centralia Police received a commendation from her. Chief Dudgeon reported that Sergeant Bellamy would be gone for much of June for drill and then deployed and then deployed abroad later in the year and that he would be bringing forth a proposal for swearing in a full-time officer during his absence.

C. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. There were none.

2. *Fire truck purchase update.* Chief Rusch reported that he had spoken with Banner representative Jeff McReynolds and the truck looks like it will be here in mid-June. Harline said he heard the same thing Chief Rusch said that apparently our truck was stuck in the assembly line behind a tanker truck fire which they were waiting on parts. Wilkins asked about a penalty against Banner for the late delivery.

3. *Other.* Chief Rusch noted that the department had not included a tent or color books/or the like in their budget but would like to purchase same. Rusch noted that the County Fire Protection District would not be at the Anchor Fest and our department would like to pick up the slack. Rusch answered a question from Wilkins saying that he would like to spend about \$900 for everything. Wilkins said he was supportive.

Chief Rusch noted that with the arrival of the new vehicle that the two pieces of equipment and in fact the entire Station #2 would become obsolete. Chief Rusch said he would prefer to have everything in one station. Chief Rusch explained that the second station was originally built to have a station on each side of the railroad tracks before the overpass made it possible to go over the tracks. Chief Rusch said that there is a 1977 International truck that did not pass the pump test and a 1986 squad truck that could be declared surplus and sold. Rusch said that the International had not moved since pump testing and the squad had some equipment that would move to the new truck. Chief Rusch noted that he felt that the parks department would like the building. Wilkins and Chief Rusch agreed that the parks department might have use for Station #2.

D. Emergency Management.

No report. Harline noted that he was considering going to a conference in Joplin later in May about disaster response.

E. Protective Inspection.

1. *Demolition contracts* Harline noted that the current contract language for the demolition and construction contract assumed that the builder would borrow money and the reimbursement would be made when payments on the mortgage exceeded \$1,500. Harline asked if the Committee was comfortable with him altering the contract in cases when the builder did not need to borrow money. Magley suggested that the approved final inspection could satisfy the contract in those cases.

VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

1. *CREDI*

Wilkins noted that CREDI did not hold a meeting due to the meeting about the hotel.

2. *Hotel project update*

Grenke said he felt the meeting went well. Harline noted that a representative of another possible project attended the meeting. Harline said that he felt that a hotel could and

should be built in Centralia.

Wilkins noted that the Chamber meeting information was in the packet.

B. Park Board

Wilkins noted that Park Board meeting minutes for the last two meetings were included in the packet. Grenke asked how the Pool project was coming along. Harline responded that when he last spoke with Park Director Bennet they were on schedule to open the pool on the Memorial Day weekend.

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

No report.

D. Tree Board.

Wilkins noted that there was an agenda for the next meeting in the packet but no report. Grenke noted that Cemetery Sexton Phyllis Brown noted that Oneda Roberts and Greg Pauley.

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted Jack Meyer, the newly appointed Library Director was here. Meyer introduced himself and noted that he and his wife were moving to town. Grenke asked about his background. Meyers reported that he was finishing his Master's Degree in Information and Library Science. Meyers explained that he had been the nighttime supervisor of the Columbia College library and had worked for the Daniel Boone Regional Library.

F. Finance

Financial statements for April 2016, were in the agenda packet. Harline stated that the budget numbers will be in the report next month.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that the Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250, equal to \$93,915.51. Harline noted that the \$6,553.12 to Dayne's was for the annual Spring Cleanup.

H. Other General Government.

1. Speed limit on West Singleton

Harline said that he spoken to Chief Dudgeon about the possibility of getting Boone County's speed limit radar trailer to look at the speed on West Singleton. Chief Dudgeon said that he felt that was a better way to proceed and that he had already placed a call to the Boone County Sherriff's office to Brian Weir get the trailer. Chief Dudgeon said in answer to a question from Bormann that he thought the trailer did collect data. Bormann said that he wasn't sure of the extent of the problem because he didn't live over there. Chief Dudgeon said it is possible that as close to the highway as it is that it is possible that it could be a problem. Chief Dudgeon added that information from the trailer would let us know if it needs to be a priority.

VII. OTHER.

None

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Magley asked what the City was doing on South Collier Street. Bormann said that it had been

that way for a while. Harline said it was among those in the City that probably deserved a letter.

IX. ADJOURN.

Magley, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Bormann seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m.