

**Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, December 10, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by David Wilkins at 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Don Bormann, Landon Magley, Robert Hudson, and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Heather Russell, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, Water Foreman Matthew Rusch, Public Works and Public Utilities Director Mike Forsee, Fire Chief Denny Rusch and Chief Bob Bias. Citizens present were: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department

1. Activity Report

Wilkins asked about the seat belt warrant. Bias said you can reserve a warrant. Russell said the warrant is typically issued if the person fails to appear. Wilkins was curious. Bias said about two months ago they talked about joining the East Central Drug Task force, and he knew we would need a full council to discuss the contract. It starts with their fiscal year. The cost of being a member of the East Central Drug Task Force is \$5,000 per year and it would not be due until July 19<sup>th</sup>. Bias highly recommends it. Russell was concerned it was not in the budget but said we could possibly use some of the Public Safety Sales tax revenue. Russell will check to see if we need an official vote.

Russell also wanted to let the Board know we have been talking to Socket about phone service for City Hall and the Police Dept. and it looks like we can save about \$100 a month for each department. Bias said Charter has given us problems in the past but the thing about Socket is they have back ups in place and City Hall and the Police Department without back-ups is a bad thing with no phones. Wilkins asked about running the lines and Bias said they already ran the lines anyway. Grenke asked about the library and Russell said she would talk to them about it.

2. Other

None

B. Fire Department

1. Activity Report

Rusch said they are doing their Christmas bags and getting ready to get all of the Candy together for the kids, they were just waiting on the oranges. Grenke stated they are doing this Thursday, December 20, 2018 at or around 5:30-6:00 p.m. Rusch said they are stuffing about 1400 bags this year. Wilkins asked about calls and Rusch said they have had calls about falls, trouble breathing, and smoke alarms mostly. Rusch said they are also still working on their back building.

2. Other

None

C. Emergency Management

None

D. Protective Inspection

None

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE

A. Economic Development

None

B. Park Board

None

C. Cemetery Report

No report

D. Tree Board Report

No report

E. Library Board

Russell received an email from Amy Hopkins about the Library recently and they may be asking to use some of the Library funds, possibly for new carpet. Russell said they have about \$1800 or so.

F. November 2018 Financial Statements

Russell said we are starting to see tax payments. Lee asked if we have seen the effects from C & R being gone and Russell said not really.

G. Bills over \$1,250 = \$160,639.65

Russell said we had one more payment for ESP, thought it was the lights and but there will be another payment. Magley asked when they will be finished and Forsee said they have 28 more to change and they should be here before the end of the month. There was discussion about a vehicle for the Street department some work done. Grenke asked about cable tv and Russell said it is at the REC Center. Grenke said switching to Socket will help save money.

H. Other General Government

None

VII. OTHER

VIII. AS MAY ARISE

Grenke said he has an Application for a Firefighter, his name is Andrew Power and he is taking his EMT classes. His brother is also already employed with us Rusch said.

VIII. ADJOURN

**Wilkins, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Hudson seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:14 p.m.**