

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 8, 2021**

Chairperson Brett Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Voting Members Present

Chairperson Brett Adams & Alderperson Todd Yoder

Voting Members Not Present

Alderperson Aaron Boyles

Other Officials Present

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Alderperson Lili Stevens, Attorney Brittany Miller and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

Citizens Present

John & Sharon Amdall. (If others were present, I was not aware that they were here.)

1. Non-Member Alderperson(s) wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

None

2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

None

3. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2021

Alderperson Todd Yoder noted that in minutes, Attorney Brittany Miller was listed in the **Citizens Present** category. She should be added to **Other Officials Present** category. *Noted* will change.

Motion to approve September 13th Minutes with this correction was made by Alderperson Todd Yoder and 2nd by Chairperson Brett Adams. All voted aye.

4. Business Items

A. Hiring Update

Chief Michael McCoy gave a summary of where the current new officers are in their training. Officer James Minton will be finished with the Southwest Academy in Decatur the 1st week of December, 2021. Officer Ben Gregory who is at Champaign PTI will finish the academy 2nd week of December, 2021. Officer Kelley Noetzol is in the FTO (field training program) at WPD. As soon as he finishes his 12-week FTO program, he will shadow phase for 2 weeks to end his FTO training period. This should be finished in December, 2021.

WPD is conducting background investigations into (3) potential police officer candidates. There is a neighboring police officer who is interested in testing with us. This is an ongoing process until we fill the last two open slots. PD will report back to the Committee when things change.

B. Police Vehicle Update

1st new patrol car was delivered today. The cars are not technically ours until Enterprise has all the equipment installed. This car is at Ragans where all equipment will be added. There are a total of 4 patrol cars, 1 Tahoe (delivered) and 1 Dodge Durango to replace other cars. The process of obtaining the cars is slow. We will report back when other cars have been received and outfitted.

The unmarked KIA is down again. Spent \$4,000 in recent past. Taking to Mike Miller for cost estimate to repair new issues. Will advise Committee of findings. The replacement for this is not in the budget but it may require replacing if price to fix is too high.

C. Evidence Building Discussion

The building is not suitable for housing evidence in its current state. There is open air, mold and no air conditioning. This building is also shared with public works who occupies 2/3 of the space.

PD is looking at a couple of things:

1. Useable current building? How much would that cost.
2. New Type of Building? How much would that cost and where.

A barcoding system is also need to streamline the manual process we currently use.

PD will be getting some estimates from a couple of companies to see what direction would be best. PD will keep Committee apprised of the situation when more is known.

D. Police Department Update

- Officer Zach Bean is on light duty after injury incurred while off duty.
- Officer Troi Westbrook is off due to injury suffered on duty.
- Officer Foster is interested in special interest position at the PD
- K9 Officer Ron Moore is in Decatur training with newest dog, Loki
- Speed trailers have been stored for the season. 85% of vehicles were not speeding according to the data collected.
- New program to catalog training records was presented to us by one of our officers. The cost is roughly \$2,500 annually. It looks like a good product.
- PD motorcycles – will present costs for lease and buy in December as our lease is up on December 31st.

- Chief McCoy and DC Jeff Stevens recently attended an FBI National Academy course on Leadership held in the Quad Cities
- Chief McCoy complimented the new Sergeants for exceeding expectations in their new roles.

E. Fire Department Update

- Chief Brown sent out the statistics for October. There were no questions from the Committee on them.
- Calls for service are on track to be busiest year ever
- Unincorporated calls were down slightly.
- WFD received \$135,000 in grant money that will be going towards Star-Com radio system when the County converts.
- COVID calls have drop down.

It is worth mentioning the WPD & WFD have a great working relationship.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Alderperson Yoder and 2nd by Chairperson Adams.
Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Michael D. McCoy