

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 9, 2022**

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

Voting Members Present

Chairperson Brett Adams, Alderperson Todd Yoder and Alderperson Aaron Boyles

Other Officials Present

City Administrator, Jim Snider, WPD Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, WFD Fire Chief, Brett Brown, Attorney Brittany Miller, Alderperson Lili Stevens, and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

Citizens Present

Mr. & Mrs. Amdall

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 – January 10, 2022**
Chairperson Adams asked for a motion to approve minutes; Alderperson Yoder-motoned, 2nd by Alderperson Boyles.
4. **Business Items**

A. Public Safety Budget Overview FY 2022-2023

Chairperson-Brett Adams requested that the discussion hit the highlights from the memo provided in the packet.

EMA (Emergency Management Agency)– Proposed budget: \$29,550.

No questions from Committee regarding EMA.

Fire & Rescue – Proposed budget: \$1,151,171

Due to no known major projects, this budget is less than last fiscal year.

No questions regarding Fire & Rescue.

Police – General Fund: Total GF Budget Request - \$1,989,520

greatly reduced using ARPA grant money. Should this not be feasible, Chief McCoy wanted the Committee and Council to know that the PD included it in the police budget for 2022-2023.

City Administrator, Jim Snider commented that perhaps there are optional funding methods. Both he and Chief McCoy will be asking State Representatives about available funding. Building costs are inflated but for the type of building the police department needs, the cost doesn't sound out of line.

Aldersperson Boyles felt the police department was going in the right direction.

The last topic in this category is In-Car Video System of which there were no questions.

To Summarize: Total GF Budget Request: \$1,989,520
 Expected Evidence Building offset from grants: \$900,000
 CERF (Capital Equipment Replacement Fund) offset for cameras:
 \$62,000
 Budget Request after offsets: \$1,027,520

Special Projects budget request: \$38,050

No questions from Committee.

Personnel

The police department is requesting hiring one police officer for the MEG Unit and would like to change the status of an employee (PASS-Police Administrative Support Specialist) from part time employee to full time status.

After discussing the addition of hiring another police officer and the reasons behind making the PASS employee full time, the Committee agreed that the need is there and are in favor of it. Chairperson Adams said the Chief has asked for this officer every year and stated, "At what point do we commit?" Aldersperson Yoder felt that it is a good direction to go. Aldersperson Boyles stated we need to defend and prevent crime in our city.

All Committee members stated they had no issue with making the part time PASS employee full time because they are averaging 40 hours a week all of 2021.

City Administrator, Jim Snider pointed out that these are legacy hires and with that comes continued pay and benefits. So long as there is revenue, he felt it was a reasonable request.

Committee agreed with both so long as adequate funding is there.

Chairman Adams summarized by saying, it makes sense to focus on grant funding and ensure we have funding for personnel with the addition of personnel and new evidence facility.

B. Police Department Update

Chief McCoy advised Sgt. Smith works with Homeland Security and the US Attorney Office in Peoria. They have handled several recent child pornography cases.

Chief McCoy says Enterprise cars are a cost savings. Having cars in good condition are a perk for hiring good candidates to work here.

Chief McCoy commended both police and fire personnel who worked on the pedestrian accident at School St & Washington Road. It is nice to have such cooperation.

C. Fire Department Update

Chief Brown had provided statistics in an email to the Committee with January's numbers.

There were 200 calls in January. 47 times there were 2 ambulances out on calls making it necessary to call in either part timer or mutual aid for transports.

In 2021, there were 2300 calls making it the highest number ever.

In April or May, the fire department will host CPR classes to the public. It's been 2 years since we did it last.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Adams. Motion made by Alderperson Yoder and Alderperson Boyles 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.