

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
April 12, 2021, 2021**

Alderman Yoder called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.  
Meeting also available on Zoom: Meeting ID# 543 874 7404

**Voting Members Present**

Alderman Todd Yoder and Alderman John Blundy

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**Voting Members not Present**

Chairman Brian Butler

**Other Officials Present**

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief Brett Brown, Aldermen Cobb (virtual), Alderman Stevens, and WPD Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

**Citizens Present**

John & Sharon Amdall (virtual)

**1. Non-Member Alderman 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 from March 8, 2021.**

A motion to approve the minutes by Alderman Yoder. Alderman Blundy motioned and Alderman Yoder 2nd. All voted aye.

**4. Business Items**

**A. Hiring Update**

Chief McCoy advised the Committee that our newest officer, Tyler Hodges is in FTO training. He replaces the vacancy left by Officer Ashley Clare.

On May 1st, the PD is authorized to hire one officer.

Lastly, Chief McCoy advised the Committee that (3) of our current employees have applied out of state. With these actions, the department could be short officers and we will need to hire. We will be searching to see if training institutes have any future openings.

## **B. Police Department Sergeant Selection Update**

On May 29th, Sgt. Gordon is retiring. The Police Sergeant Select Committee will be convening in the near future to interview the (5) candidates. The Select Committee is comprised of the City Administrator, Public Safety Chairman and the Finance & Personnel Chairman. In absence of the City Administrator, the Mayor will be on the Committee.

## **C. K-9 Update**

The department's newest canine has arrived. His name is Loki. His handler is Officer Ron Moore. Training began 4/7/21 and will take about 10 weeks to complete.

## **D. K-9 Car Update**

Chief McCoy will request the purchase of a K-9 vehicle next Monday. The funding will not impact the budget as the funds were donated by the Zimmerman family's estate.

## **E. General Police Department Update**

Chief McCoy provided the Committee with the monthly report via email. There were no questions. He summarized the following:

Police activity is up from this time last year.

Chief advised that the speed trailer requests from the department's Facebook total over 30 requests. One trailer is in Springfield being repaired but the other one is ready. The department will move the trailer around to various locations in the coming months.

The department is looking for a part time PASS employee. Human Resources placed an ad that has good response.

The department awarded two commendations to officers involved with a subject who was "delirious" and could have died due to their condition. Medics transported the person to the hospital where they received the medical care that was necessary to save them.

The optimal outcome was achieved due to our training and use of force policy.

The department is citing violations for distracted driving (texting and talking on your phones) and seat belts. There has been an increase due to people being out and about again.

**F. General Fire Department Update**

Chief Brown advised the Committee that calls for service are running a bit higher.

The Fire Department has hosted a few small events at the station. If COVID cases rise, we will pull back on events.

**5. Other Business**

None

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Yoder. Alderman Blundy motioned and Alderman Yoder 2nd. Adjourned at 5:19 p.m.