

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 13, 2021**

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Voting Members Present

Chairman Brian Butler and Alderman John Blundy

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Voting Members Not Present

Alderman Todd Yoder

Other Officials Present

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Alderman Stevens, City Planner, Jon Oliphant and WPD Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

Citizens Present

Attorney Brittany Miller, John & Sharon Amdall, Rachel Davis, Sergeant Brian Simpson, Sgt. Jacob Cernek

1. Non-Member Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

Alderman Stevens is in favor of Code Red and hopes that it will be used to the fullest extent.

Police motorcycles expense makes it hard to make a decision without more information.

I wasn't aware that Rolling Meadows has a federal mandate for flood alert warnings in Code Red.

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

Sgt Simpson & Sgt Cernek each spoke about the importance to the department in having the police motorcycle unit. They gave examples of the usefulness in having the ability to better enforce traffic infractions (distracted drivers on cell phone and speeding). The motorcycles assist with escorts, funerals and sporting events. Great community relations tool. Both adults and children interact with the officers on motorcycles because it is a unique.

3. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2021

Motion to approve – Alderman Blundy made the motion and 2nd by Chairman Butler.

4. Business Items

A. Oak Creek Subdivision Street Connection Consideration

The Committee discussed the (3) options listed in the memo provided by Jon Oliphant. The Police Department was asked about any concerns they may have from a public safety standpoint. Committee asked for a motion to recommend Option 3 and take it to the Committee of the Whole. Motion made by Alderman Blundy and 2nd by Chairman Butler.

B. Mutual Aid Agreement with Tazewell County Sheriff

Agreement signed by both agencies.

C. Code Red Renewal

The prices of the renewal is \$6,709.50 which is lower than market value of other companies that aren't as good.

The Committee asked if it can be used more often and Chief McCoy advised they would try. It is a tool for extreme emergencies and widespread public information blasts. We don't have many of those but will we look into ways that maybe we could utilize it more.

Motion to recommend the renewal. Motion by Alderman Blundy and 2nd by Chairman Butler.

D. Purchase of Two Police Motorcycles

Asking Committee to consider the purchasing two motorcycles instead of continuing leasing them. Walter Brothers gave us a price of \$18,000 for each motorcycle.

The Committee would like to see the lease prices vs purchase price before making any recommendation. PD will get that information and bring it back to next month's meeting.

E. Newcastle/Wilmore Traffic Study

Study was conducted from data 8/12-8/27 using speed trailer at this location. The total cars clocked were 48,768. The speed limit here is 25mph, total speeders was 24,082. Percent of speeding was 49.4, median speed was 25mph, 85th percentile 30mph and the maximum speed was 51mph.

F. Police Department Monthly Update

The monthly report was submitted via email without any questions from Committee. The department is currently short staffed. We have 2 in the Academy and have possibly 2 lateral transfers. There is a test on Saturday, September 18th at 8AM.

G. Fire Department Update

Chief Brown had to leave for an emergency call and asked Chief McCoy to present the August statistics. Please see attached.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Blundy and 2nd by Chairman Butler at 5:55PM.



Washington Fire Department
 Monthly Call Report
 August 2021

	2021	2020	+/-	Description
Total Calls	197	146	+51	Total call in City of Washington: 163 Central: 3 Pleasantview: 2 NTFD County: 23 Outside of District: 6
EMS Responses	191	U	N/A	Total calls Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded on.
Fire Responses	19	U	N/A	Total calls Fire apparatus responded on.
Cardiac Arrest	1	U	N/A	Cardiac arrest requiring WFD response.
Mutual Aid Provided	6	1	+5	Total calls requiring WFD response to assist other Fire / EMS agencies.
Mutual Aid Received	2	7	-5	Total calls requiring other Fire / EMS agencies to respond to Washington.
Overlapping Calls	44	19	+25	Calls dispatched while WFD units were already on a call.
SNF / ALF Calls	35	U	N/A	Calls at skilled nursing facilities or assisted living facilities in Washington.

*U = Unavailable information (not tracked prior to 2020)