

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
March 16, 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 Brittney Miller, Alderperson Lili Stevens, Brian Rittenhouse-WPW, 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 – February 14, 2022**

Chairperson Adams asked for a motion to approve minutes; Alderperson Yoder-motoned, 2nd by Alderperson Boyles.

**4. Business Items**

**A. WCHS SRO Agreement Renewal**

Chief McCoy has requested a 2.5% increase from High School as all Officers received that in their newest contract. The Agreement has to be presented by Dr. Freeman to his Board.

**B. Police Department Update**

Chief McCoy advised the Committee of the following:

- Handle with Care Project – Coordinated by Katie Kelly. We signed a Memo of Understanding along with East Peoria PD, Tazewell County Sheriff, Northern Tazewell Fire Protection District and the Washington Fire Department.

This program helps identify students who may be going through hard times for various reasons when coming into contact with the various agencies. By providing this information to this project, we are able to assist in addressing needs of the individual. The Chief will email this information to each of the Public Safety Committee members.

- Ammunition order went out today for \$14,900. This was a prior approved expense. Delayed due to COVID, etc.
- WPD is still looking for grants for the Evidence building. Have met or are meeting with State Reps as it relates to grants and Care \$\$\$.
- WPD will be signing an agreement with a firm in Peoria to conduct the mandatory testing for wellness and mental health for all police officers. This is beginning July, 2022 and is an annual requirement.
- There is mandatory training for all police officers that begins July, 2022. We are up to date on this training requirement.
- Working with C/A, Jim Snider on a policy for gasoline consumption due to the current times.
- Two officers are in PTI and are scheduled to graduate in April, 2022 where they will then be field trained for 14 weeks.
- The Police Commission will be interviewing two candidates. One to fill the open slot and one to fill the retirement of an officer when that time arrives.
- New police radios – State promised but will not guarantee the State ARPA money will arrive in time for the quote given to us of \$124,000. This quote expires at the end of March, 2022. Funds were requested from our Council and approved months ago.

### **C. Fire Department Update**

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

There were 200 calls in February.

Events coming in 2022 are Public CPR class in April; Fire School in May; and St. Jude Smoke Out in June.

**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 5:14 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".