

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
July 11, 2022**

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

Voting Members Present

Chairperson Brett Adams, Alderperson Todd Yoder and Alderperson Kevin Schone

Other Officials Present

City Administrator Jim Snider, Attorney Brittany Miller, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Alderperson Lili Stevens and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

Citizens Present

Mr. & Mrs. Amdall (John & Sharon)

1. Non-Member Alderperson(s) wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item
Alderperson Stevens commented that she would like to go over the noise control ordinance in the future due to the number of complaints she received over the 4th of July.

2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item
None

3. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2022
Chairperson Adams asked for one correction. He asked that the word “made” be changed to the word “requested” in the adjournment paragraph from June 13, 2022.

Chairperson Adams asked for a motion, Alderperson Yoder motioned, Alderperson Schone 2nd.

4. Business Items

MEG Unit Update

By August, will be prepared to have our part time MEG officer move to full time status, with the ability to call him back as needed.

PMEG staffing is growing with more agents expected to move to full time status in the next few months. In the last quarter PMEG conducted 24 operations, including a joint operation in two counties that resulted in the seizure of several pounds of methamphetamine.

Just this month, an additional Tazewell County agency has applied for PMEG membership.

Police Department Staffing Update – Just received statements from the state’s IL Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board verifying that two lateral candidates are not and have not been subject to disciplinary action reported to the state. Our backgrounds are thorough enough that we already knew this, but the reply from ILETSB regarding the Professional Conduct Database is required by law. We expect to extend conditional offers to both candidates this month.

We did hold testing for new applicants on July 8, hosting four uncertified applicants. A former part time WPD officer who moved out of state a few years ago would also like to test, as his family wants to return. He was a full-time officer for another central IL agency, but was out of policing since his move. If hired, he would require a two-week refresher course and field training.

We are ready to hire a part time officer – just awaiting Brian Simpson’s return from vacation, as he is the coordinator for the PT unit. This would bring us to 6 PT officers on staff.

School Year Preparation

We have a team of officers, Dramane Taylor, Troi Westbrook, and Steve Hinken working with staff from all Washington schools to provide security training and response preparation for our officers. They are consulting with TCSO to ensure we have compatible responses for D50 schools, as we would likely be first responders for significant events there.

We will address traffic concerns closer to the start of classes.

Police Department Update

Monthly stat updates went out. Any questions?

Peoria and East Peoria have seen an uptick in thefts of specific vehicles; 2011 and newer Kias and 2015 and newer Hyundais. This is based on popularization of theft techniques specific to those cars. A couple of stolen cars were found in EP near Washington, so it is a matter of time before those affect us directly. The most immediate effect could be the “drive it like you stole it” traffic problems, as happened with two cars in EP over the past few weeks.

Tazewell County’s new StarCom radio system was scheduled to go live in June, had setbacks related to both procurement and County staffing issues. ETSB will expand the scope of services that Motorola provides for system implementation. Funding for that comes from canceling the new Motorola records and reports software that was part of the same package. I do not expect the system to go fully live by the next target time, which is January. There may be a way to start it up for East Peoria and Creve Coeur, as the EP radio system is failing. The plan to update our current records system is through an update with the current vendor, with Pekin and Tazewell County SO pushing an Axon product that is not yet built.

5. Other Business

Chairperson Adams asked if police motorcycles were being used in the neighborhood. Dc Stevens advised the motorcycles are in the neighborhoods.

Chairperson Adams commented that the 4th of July holiday had noise complaints to include fireworks and wanted to know how the PD handled them. DC Stevens advised that if they were on priority calls, the responses would be delayed. The officers try to track down the individuals setting them off but sometimes its hard to know who it is when nobody is outside around them. If a resident is setting them off and we speak to them about a noise complaint, most residents are compliant.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chairperson Adams, Alderperson Yoder motioned and Alderperson Schone 2nd.

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