

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
February 13, 2023**

Chairperson Brett Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Voting Members Present**

Chairperson Brett Adams, Alderperson Todd Yoder and Alderperson Kevin Schone

**Other Officials Present**

City Administrator Jim Snider, Attorney Brittany Miller, Chief Mike McCoy, Fire Chief, Clint Kuhlman, Public Works Director, Brian Rittenhouse and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

**Citizens Present**

Mr. & Mrs. Amdall (John & Sharon)

Shawn Riley

**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**

Shawn Riley lives on Gillman and came to talk about the speeding on his street. He advised that the street is used as a cut-thru and it seems to be getting worse. He asked if we could install removable speed bumps like they have in Germantown Hills. Chief McCoy told him we would monitor the situation and possibly even consider these removable speed bumps if radar enforcement didn't correct the problem.

**3. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2023**

Chairperson Adams asked for motion to approve – Alderperson Yoder motioned and Alderperson Schone 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted AYE.

**4. Business Items**

- Police Budget Review

\$583,00 was the actual figure for the Byrne Grant Program approved for Washington Police Department according to United States Representative, Darin LaHood's Office.

- Chief McCoy spoke about (3) areas within the budget - #1. General Fund, #2 Special Projects and #3 EMA.

**General Fund 2022-2023 is \$2,926,691.00 vs 2023-2024 of @2,652,045.00 or a difference of -9.4%.**

Special Projects Funds 2023-2024 is \$38,050.00 vs 2022-2023 of \$36,050.00 or a difference of -8.6%.

EMA 2022-2023 is \$30,500.00 vs 2023-2024 of \$31,450.00 or a difference of +3.1%.

2022-2023 Total = \$2,994,791.00

2023-2024 Total = \$2,719,545.00 or a -9.2% year to year.

***This does not include Capital Improvement category. This will be discussed during the next meeting with Group 2 who meets on the budget for 2023-2024.***

- **Police Department Updates**

1. We are working with the Bureau of Justice Assistance on technical details now regarding the Federal Grant for body-worn cameras because we would like to order them in April if timeline with federal government can be accomplished. We would bring this to the Council at that time. This would not be on the current fiscal year because it won't be delivered this fiscal year. This is reflected in the draft budget.
2. We have asked the ETSB for a full project accounting for the regional radio system. Their last timeline was June. The project appears to be behind schedule and we want to identify anything we or the ETSB can do to get the radio system moving. This project update will be in middle of March.
3. SRO Troi Westbrook making good progress and there is an outside chance he can come back to work at the High School this year. In the meantime, Officer Dramane Taylor has integrated very well.
4. More license plate readers regionally and statewide. We have used EP, Pekin and Peoria to solve crimes. A stolen license plate related to a business burglary in Washington was recovered using this tool.
5. (2) Dodge Durango are built but not shipped. These vehicles are scheduled replacements for this fiscal year. We have one other squad car on order to replace the K9 car when Thor retires. We don't expect this car to come out of this fiscal year.
6. Bean Bag Shotgun and Pepper-ball training is in progress.
7. Grant of \$6,000 for bullet-proof vests which pays for 50% of new ballistic vests. (Department of Justice Grant)

**C. Fire Department Update**

Chief Kuhlman provided the Committee a verbal reading of the latest statistics.

**5. Other Business**

Nothing

**6. Adjournment**

Chairperson Adams motioned for adjournment – Alderperson Yoder made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Schone.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.