

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 10, 2021

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at the City Hall 10015 Manchester Rd. The following members of the Committee were present:

G.P. Dorris, Chairman	<u> X </u>
Charles Luisetti	<u> X </u>
Chief Stanczak	<u> X </u>
Mike Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>
Anne Piotter	<u> X </u>
Tim Quinn	<u> X </u>

Also present were: Alderpersons Newman, Bickford and Mayer. Chairman Dorris called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Tim Quinn moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti to amend the agenda by adding the hiring of a new Police Office. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a new Police Vehicle.

Chief said the last new car was purchased in October, but wasn’t delivered and put into service until April 2021. The new car would make 3 explorers and the Taurus. Current mileage on the 2017 Explorer is approximately 66,000, the 2021 Explorer has approximately 5,000 miles and the Taurus has approximately 99,000 miles. We spent roughly \$3,500 to get the Taurus to pass inspection this year and the 2017 Explorer needs about \$1,600 in work for new tires and front-end work. This will need to happen in the next 45 days or so. The Taurus is the Chief’s take home car, but as it is unmarked, it’s also being used for follow-up work. The new Explorer would be a marked police vehicle and we would transfer all the equipment from the 2017 Explorer into it leaving us with 2 marked and 2 unmarked police vehicles. Alderwoman Bickford questioned where it was in the budget and it was under Capitol Improvements for \$41,000 – the actual cost would be less than that, even including the center console, computer mount, and stickers. Alderwoman Mayer asked if we received multiple bids on the new car and the Chief said it was a MO State contract that Joe Machens Ford in Columbia, MO honors. The state did the bidding process for all LE departments across Missouri. Alderwoman Pfyl asked about the cost of outfitting the new car. Chief Stanczak answered that it is all done in-house and that having it done for us would cost somewhere around \$5,000. Alderman Dell’Orco asked about how much the unmarked car or other personal vehicles were used for follow-up work and if the officers were turning in mileage for reimbursement. Chief Stanczak did not have an exact number but estimated maybe 200 miles per month. The Chief said the PD does not turn in mileage for personal car use. Alderman Dell’Orco asked why, and the Chief said it was because City Attorney Paul Rost said not to do so.

Tim Quinn moved, seconded by Anne Piotter to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. On Voice Vote, the motion was announced approved 8, Ayes and 1 Nay, Alderman Dell'Orco.

New Firearms for Police Department

Chief Stanczak informed us that the current firearms are 12-year-old .40 caliber Glock handguns. He then said most LE departments are moving back to a 9MM platform. This was confirmed by Tim Quinn, but on the federal level, they are carrying Sig Sauer weapons rather than Glock. Mr. Quinn asked how much .40 caliber ammunition we were sitting on and the Chief said roughly 400 rounds. We would be able to purchase all 8 new firearms for \$1160.00. The officers would be able to buy back their duty weapons if they chose to do so. This sounds like a great deal to everyone.

Tim Quinn moved seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco to approve the purchase of the new firearms. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimous approved

Sgt. Tisius Public Safety Program

Chairman Dorris explained that last summer Sgt. Tisius held a safety program with the kids and it is my desire to have him do it again. Sgt. Tisius questioned whether I wanted this to happen so late in the summer, and my thoughts are better late than never. Sgt. Tisius suggested that this happens earlier – perhaps in June. All were agreeable to this, but I asked if he could put one together this summer as well. He is going to get me a date that works for him and hopefully the park pavilion will be available to use. Mrs. Piotter suggested this become an annual event in June and that it gets put on the city calendar so it doesn't get forgotten. Alderwoman Mayer suggested a 'prize' program funded by local businesses for the patrolmen to hand out prized to kids who paid attention to the presentation, i.e., a donut from Dierberg's if they get 'caught' wearing a helmet or riding on the correct side of the street. Alderwoman Mayer said she would look into local businesses who may want to participate in this. I will wait for Sgt. Tisius to give me availability before an announcement is made to the public about the kid's bike safety presentation.

Hiring of a new Police Officer

Chief Stanczak said he currently has 3 applicants for the open position. Right now, we need 1 part-time officer and 1 full-time officer to fill the schedule. The Chief would ideally like to offer the position starting at pay scale step 5 to make the job more attractive to applicants. This may cause some discord with officers who were hired at lower step levels, but these are different times, and some considerations may need to be made. To offset any hard feelings, it was suggested that the current staff skip one step at their next increase. Lengthy discussion followed. One applicant is a retired officer, approximately 46 years old, who will need to take

the POST certification test to be eligible for the position. This process will likely take 2-3 weeks. Questions were raised concerning filling the schedule with our current staff. Officer Bowman is filling in several shifts, but we are also paying quite a bit of overtime pay to keep the streets patrolled. The current officers are using word-of-mouth to advertise the open position right now, but there are a couple of free websites (POST and MO Police Chiefs Assn) where the position can be listed. It is estimated that the cost of training a new officer would be approximately \$5,000. Alderman Luisetti asked to see a chart of step pay numbers and increases so we can see an actual comparison between the current pay scale and the proposed pay scale. Alderwoman Bickford said she'd get that to us ASAP.

Misc. New Business

Anne Piotter mentioned a storm sewer inlet on Renderer that appears unsafe. She said the opening is too large and could pose a safety concern. Alderman Newman suggested Bruce have a look at it to see if he can simply move the cover into place. Alderman Dell'Orco suggested photographing the inlet in question and sending it to the helpline at MSD and they would take care of it.

Alderman Luisetti brought up concern about recent speeding on Woodlawn. Sgt. Tisius said Officer Andrews regularly patrols Woodlawn and had not noticed any increase in speeders. The WWPD will keep an eye out for them, though.

Adjournment

With no further business Tim Quinn moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco to adjourn. The meeting closed at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George P. Dorris, Chairman