

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015

1805 Hrs – Meeting called to order By Chairman Metzler

Roll call conducted, members present: Chairman Metzler, Councilor Deering and Mayor Bradley. Also present: Police Chief Williams and Fire Chief Hall.

Public input period:

-Bill Hall wished to commend Officer John Morrell for his traffic enforcement efforts at the intersection of S Market St and Marietta Ave.

-Diane McComsey of 816 E Main St expressed concern about an apparent homeless female that has been living in the wooded area adjacent to the Little Chiques Park. Chief Williams stated that he was aware of this individual and Officers were working on a solution to the problem with assistance from various county and state agencies.

FDMJ Report presented by Fire Chief William Hall

-Chief Hall advised that the FDMJ has placed new SCBA on order and it should be in service by the end of the year.

-The FDMJ experienced four (4) injuries within a two week period, none of which were serious.

Chief Hall requested an increase in funding for the 2016 budget year. He stated that the allocation given to the FDMJ has been flat since 2007 and that the increase is necessary to stay on track with the 20 year Capitol Plan.

Councilor Metzler asked Chief Hall his opinion concerning a Fire Tax to increase Fire Department funding. Chief Hall to study the suggestion among other options.

EMA Report presented by Ken Barto

-No report this month. EMA members to attend AROC meeting on 08-25-15.

-The time, location and date for the September EMA meeting was announced.

Old Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

- Part Time Officer Position – Officer Bret McFarland was sworn in on July 31st, 2015.
- Full Time Officer Position - Mason M Shelly was presented with a Conditional Offer of Employment and is in the process of completing the remaining requirements prior to being sworn in. Target date is September 8th, 2015.
- Parking 44-46 E Main St – Temporary parking permits issued to residents allowing them to park on E Main St with restrictions. Permanent solution continues to be discussed. Mayor Bradley suggested that council might consider changing parking times from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on weekdays, changing weekend parking times and designating shared use or commercial use.

New Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

- NALOXONE (Narcan) deployment – Officer training on administering Narcan to suspected overdose victims began on August 24th, 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by September 30th. Policy issuance and field deployment to begin October 1st, 2015.
- Two new Department Policies; Assistance to Other Agencies and Notification of Chief of Police and Duty Officer in Charge were issued and in effect on September 1st, 2015.

Budget covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

- Line items 410.174 (Training), 410.183 (Overtime) and 410.238 (Uniforms) were discussed.

Public Input Period

- The resident of 46 E New St asked if there was going to be Public Notice of Parking Issues Meetings concerning the new train station. Referred to AMTRAC.

Any other matter proper to come before the committee

- Councilor Metzler raised a concern about the visibility of the STOP sign located at the intersection of School Lane and Midway St for westbound traffic. Chief Williams to investigate.

Executive Session not required

Councilor Metzler adjourned the meeting at 1947