



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
June 19, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th day of June 2023 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner ChairLarry Beermann
Commissioner.....Robert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman
Commissioner.....Matt McGrath
Chief.....Eric Hall
Support Lieutenant.....John Appelbaum
Administrative Assistant.....Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Alderman.....Sean Concagh
Captain.....Dale Fiala
Captain.....Vicki Severs

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Alderman Concagh, Captain Fiala and Captain Severs absent with excuse.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Ashcraft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Chief Hall stated there is ongoing discussion regarding the conditional use permit in relation to recreational marijuana sales for Route 66 dispensary.

Chief Hall stated that the initial site plan for the Magnolia Ridge apartment complex as approved through planning and zoning and will be presented to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at a future meeting.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated that the budget is on pace with 47.97% remaining. He reviewed some of the accounts that were over budget such as overtime, food, medical supplies, professional services and vehicle maintenance. He added that over time is the main concern and will be preparing a request for a supplemental budget appropriation.

Chief Hall stated that two (2) of the three (3) new Tahoes are built but have not received an updated on delivery. Moving forward, he stated that they may start looking at vehicles that are off the lot and ready to go.

Chief Hall concluded that they are preparing for the 2024 capital improvement budget and that would include the replacement of fire gear for a third of the department.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring Process Update

Chief Hall stated that department has hired Timothy Darling. Chief Hall stated that PO Darling was a sergeant at City of Manchester prior to coming to Des Peres. He added that the department also hired an additional part-time paramedic, Shane Roden. He concluded that FF/EMTP Roden could be a full-time PSO in the future as he is also police certified.

DISCUSSION

Chief Hall explained to the commission the call for a house on fire that was received during the last Public Commission meeting where he had to be excused. He stated the fire started due to a barbeque grill being placed too close to the exterior of the residence.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked if there is any additional information regarding EMS billing. He stated that the commission feels that people who use the service should pay the ambulance bill. Commissioner Zimmerman added that additional invoices should be sent out before the account goes to collections. Commissioner McGrath added that it appears that no effort is being made to collect fees after the initial

attempt. Chief Hall concluded that he will be in discussion with the Director of Finance regarding the billing and options to include additional invoices being sent and potentially sending the invoice to collections and will report back at a future meeting.

Chief Hall discussed the details of the house fire on Des Peres Drive and Alhambra Avenue. He stated the fire started in the carport of one of the residences and then extended to two (2) other structures. Chief Hall stated the fire destroyed the initial house, melted the siding to the neighboring house, and spread to the interior of a third house. Chief Hall added that initial arriving officers had to deal with heavy vehicular traffic due to people driving down the street to look at the fire.

Chief Hall stated that the department is in the process of switching the medical control services contract from Missouri Baptist (MOBAP) to the SSM system. He stated that the SSM system is a larger network which includes numerous other departments. Lt. Appelbaum added that under MOBAP the department had some issues such as the length of time to get medical protocols updated. In addition, with the larger SSM network they will come to the department to provide training at no additional charge.

Chief Hall presented the commission with a crime comparison summary for 2022 that included 11 other cities. He concluded that he is working on a mid-year summary that will also have a mid-year comparison with the same 11 agencies.

Chief Hall provided an update on the building renovations. He stated that he is waiting on the final estimates of the project but at this time are over budget. This is primarily due to the current building's HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. He concluded that they anticipate construction to begin January or February of 2024.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked about the electric scooters he sees in the community and detailed how he saw a female riding a scooter across Manchester Rd with a Dierberg's shopping bag. Chief Hall stated that Captain Severs was doing some research on any other cities and regulations and the department will provide an update at a future meeting.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting due to fire call received during the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

ATTEST:

Mónica Llorián, Administrative Asst.
