



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
July 6, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of July 2020 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

- Present:
- Commissioner ChairLarry Beermann
 - CommissionerRobert Ashcraft
 - Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman
 - Chief.....Eric Hall
 - Captain.....Sean Quinn
 - Support Lieutenant.....Vicki Severs
 - Administrative Asst.....Mónica Llorián
- Not Present:
- Commissioner.....Matt McGrath
 - Alderman.....Pat Barrett
 - Captain.....Dale Fiala (absent with excuse)

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Assistant Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Commissioner McGrath, Alderman Barrett, and Captain Fiala not present.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020, meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Chief Hall wishes to add body cameras to new business and Covid-19 procedural update to discussion.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Chief Hall stated there is not much to report from the Board of Aldermen.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated that the department's budget is doing well overall in light of everything that has been going on with COVID. He stated that Lt. Preuss and Lt. Severs have been working on the schedule to keep overtime down as much as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction – Bill 20-2879 Regulations for Deer Hunting by Archery or Crossbow

Chief Hall introduced discussion the proposed ordinance regarding deer hunting by archery or crossbow. He suggested that tabling the discussion. Commissioner Ashcraft stated that the language in the ordinance is pretty clear and made a motion to recommend the ordinance to the Board of Aldermen. Commissioner Zimmerman second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Appointment of Commission Chairman

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to table the appointment of commission chairman when all commissioners are present to vote. Commissioner Zimmerman second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Fire Sales Tax

Chief Hall stated that City Administrator Harms has been doing a very good job presenting the options of the fire sales tax. He stated that the sales tax will be on the August 13th special election ballot. He concluded that due to COVID-19 the issue got pushed up for a vote.

Commissioner Ashcraft stated that if the tax does not pass the residents could expect to pay for trash and increase in other taxes.

Budget Cuts

Chief Hall stated that due to COVID-19 budget cuts will be according mostly in capital improvement budget. He stated that the department is trying not to spend so much. He stated that some of the cuts were the high suppression vehicle, blinds for the build and repairs to entrance doors. He concluded that items that remained in the budget were fire gear & uniforms, fire hose, landscape buffer between Schnucks, body armor and laser.

Des Peres Night Out

Chief Hall stated that it is unknown if the city will participate in the night out event. He stated that he highly doubts it will go forward due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to cancel Des Peres Night Out for 2020. Commissioner Zimmerman second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

New Hire

Chief Hall stated that the Board approved the hire of a new officer. He stated that the new officer accepted the City's offer and is currently going through his psychiatric evaluation.

Body Cameras

Chief Hall stated that the department is currently reviewing different body camera vendors. He stated that the department is doing its due diligence in reviewing all the different vendors. He stated that City Administrator Harms supports the purchase of the body cameras and pushed the purchase up.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked when the department would expect to purchase the cameras. Chief Hall stated in the next couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission on Law Enforcement International (CALEA) Update

Lt. Severs stated that the online assessment went well with just a couple of minor policy adjustments.

Nuisance Alarm Ordinance

Chief Hall requested the tabling of the discussion on nuisance alarm ordinance. Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to table the discussion of the nuisance alarm ordinance. Commissioner Zimmerman second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ashcraft asked if there was anyway to publish police reporting like what used to be published in the Webster/Kirkwood Times. Chief Hall stated that he would discuss with our IT director with options. Captain Quinn stated that WKT is still operating in digital format.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked if the police vehicle could have just a solid blue light on as they patrolled the city. Chief Hall stated that he would see if the current light bars on the vehicles could do that.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked that since the company Segway will no longer be in production what will the department do with its current models. Chief Hall stated that the department will most likely sell its Segway as well as its motorcycles as they are not being used by the department.

Commissioner Ashcraft suggested that each officer carry on them like dog tags their blood type in the event of an emergency and they need blood. Chief Hall stated that information is in their emergency file if needed.

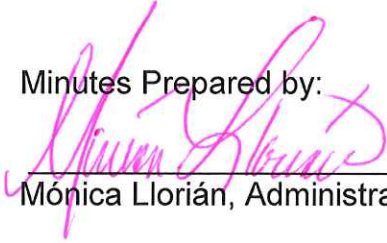
Chief Hall stated that during the stay-at-home order the department was split up by police and Fire/EMS functions to avoid cross contaminations. He stated that Fire/EMS stayed in the station house and all police functions were moved to the Lodge. He stated that schedules were adjusted to meet the

coverage of the city. He concluded by thanking the Lodge for its accommodations during that time and for the crews helping out during that stressful time.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Mónica Llorián, Administrative Asst.

ATTEST:



Caitie Zimmerman, Commissioner