

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman John Kevern. Committee members present were John Kevern and Mike Olmstead. Tom Mackin arrived at 5:45 p.m. Also present was City Administrator Bridgette Kabat.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Several residents from the Wood Creek Road area were present to request installation of a stop sign and crosswalk at Seminary Road and Wood Creek Road. They said that there is minimal visibility, people speed through there, and there are a lot of small children. It is also a school bus stop. Ms. Kabat said that she has had conversations with the Police and Engineering Divisions and with ODOT. She stated that the City has to comply with the Uniform Traffic Control standards and that intersection would not meet the criteria for stop signs. According to Police Division records, there have been very few accidents in that area and there is not the volume of traffic required to qualify for a stop sign. Chief Paez stated that the Police Division has a three step process in dealing with areas that have issues with speeding. The first step is to put up stealth speed monitors to gather data. The second step is to place the speed trailer so drivers can see how fast they are going. The third step is to have officers do more enforcement in the area. Chief Paez said if the stealth monitors are not already there, they will be in the near future. Mr. Kevern asked that the Committee be updated at next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POLICE DIVISION SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Chief Paez stated that as part of the 2014 budget process they are requesting an additional officer to be assigned as a School Resource Officer. The primary objective would not be enforcement, but prevention of crime through interaction with the students. This would also provide a dedicated officer to continue safety training. School Superintendent Tom Hosler was present and said that the School District would be willing to pay its share of this officer's salary. He stated that he feels this position would benefit the schools as well as the community at large. This was an informational item; no action was taken.

POLICE DIVISION OVERTIME REPORT

Chief Paez reported that overtime for the Police Division through three quarters was \$123,389.50. This is under the budgeted amount by over \$26,000 and is under the amount for the same time last year by about \$12,000. Overtime for Communications for the first three quarters was \$32,986.40. This is under the budgeted amount by over \$4,800 and is down from last year's overtime for the first three quarters by about \$600.

FIRE DIVISION OVERTIME REPORT

Chief Klein reported that the Fire Division had a firefighter off with a knee injury for several weeks. He said that overtime is currently \$10,456.74 over where they

anticipated being. Chief Klein stated that in the twenty years he has been here, we have never had the amount of injuries that we've had in the last four years. Ms. Kabat said that she will sit down with Chief Klein and go over the budgeted amount of overtime for 2014 and using the information from the past several years, try to formulate a more accurate estimate for overtime and give the Committee an account of the budgeted amount.

2014 PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGETS

Ms. Kabat stated that the 2014 public safety budgets have no requests out of the norm other than the additional position for school resource officer. Line items for salaries have been increased based on collective bargaining agreements and for normal wear and tear on equipment. She said if committee members have any questions to let her know.

MATRIX STAFFING AND BEST PRACTICES STUDY

Ms. Kabat reported that she and Chief Paez took another look at the recommendations made by Matrix and the Administration's course of action. This information was sent to the committee prior to the meeting. Ms. Kabat noted that the first opportunity to discuss some of the items will be in negotiations next fall. With regard to the consolidated dispatching, we are interested in exploring that idea, but she noted that this is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-generational issue and could be many years out. Mr. Mackin stated that the idea should still be kept in mind when making large equipment purchases. Ms. Kabat stated that regarding Matrix's recommendation regarding Emergency Medical Dispatching, she doesn't know that there is any interest in exploring that option at this time. She said that based on all factors it is not seen as a benefit to the community in relation to the outlay. Ms. Kabat said that she will address the recommendations regarding the Fire Division at the November or December meeting.

ORDINANCE FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT

Ms. Kabat requested approval of an ordinance for the purchase of road salt for the upcoming winter season. The cost is \$32.52 per ton which is down from \$41.90 last year. We are required to purchase 1,000 tons but can buy additional at that price if we need it. We have 490 tons leftover from last year. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Mr. Kevern said that he received a request to transfer the liquor license from JJ's Pub to The Mucky Duck. This is a name change for JJ's which is located in the River Place Shopping Center at 26611 N. Dixie Highway. Chief Paez said he has no concerns with this transfer. The Committee agreed 3-0 to not request a hearing for this request.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Paez said that his officers have been monitoring the area of Locust and Sixth Street in response to concerns raised by a citizen at last month's meeting regarding motorcycle noise. He stated that they have not witnessed any problems so they have

not been able to identify where the noise is coming from. They will continue to monitor the area. Ms. Kabat said she will contact the resident that raised concerns and give him an update.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kevern, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee

The next meeting date is Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.