

SAFETY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Kevern. Committee members present were John Kevern, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

PRO PHOENIX MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Police Chief Dan Paez requested renewal of a maintenance agreement with Pro Phoenix. He said that the Pro Phoenix software is very critical to their operations because it includes all police computer aided dispatch software and all information sent to and from the police vehicles. The cost of the agreement is \$32,402.10 which is up from \$29,789.66 last year. Mr. Matuszak asked if there was a 10% increase or there was additional items added to the contract. Chief Paez said that it is a 3% increase from last year and one item has been added. He said that he has a call into the company about this additional charge for Net Motion support, but anticipates that they are going to say it was a mistake in past years that we were not charged for it. Mr. Kevern asked how many years we have been with this company. Chief Paez said we have been with them since 2007. He added that to replace the system could cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000. Mr. Kevern asked if this item is in the budget and Chief Paez said that it is. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the agreement with Pro Phoenix.

GRANT APPLICATION – FIRE DIVISION

Fire Chief Jeff Klein and Deputy Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz were present to request permission to apply for a FEMA grant to hire three additional firefighter/paramedics. If we are awarded the grant, we would have one year to hire the employees and then their wages would be covered 100% for 2017 and 2018. Chief Klein said this would allow us three years to work through the budget to come up with a way to maintain funding to keep the employees. He said the additional employees are needed because they are starting to see deficiencies with on call and day to day staffing. Ms. Kabat stated that she has tasked the chiefs with coming up with a staffing model on how to sustain after the two years of the grant. She added that we do not have to accept the grant even if it is awarded if they are not able to come up with a plan. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval to apply for the grant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kevern stated that Kroger has applied for a liquor license for their new store and the State wants to know if the City would like to have a hearing on the matter. Mr. Kevern said that he spoke with Chief Paez who had no issues with the request. The Committee agreed 3-0 to not have a hearing regarding the request for a liquor license for Kroger on Carronade Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kevern, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.