

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2016

Members Present: Scottie Ard, Jim Jackson and Mike Montello

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Craig Yehlik, Jim VanderWyst, Kari Kraft, Ron Volkert and Jeanne Bergman

Scottie Ard called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Mike Montello moved to adopt the amended agenda as presented, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Mike Montello moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of May 24, 2016, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Information on Limited Term Employee/Community Service Officer

Discussion took place on the need for a community service officer and how to pay for this position. Craig Yehlik reported there are no grants available but feels his budget can cover the cost through the end of the summer. As stated in the job description, Craig anticipates this position will serve as an eye in the community to promote public relations rather than hold enforcement duties. This would be a flexible, nine week position at an hourly rate of \$12 per hour. This works out to be approximately 288 hours of work. Mike Montello moved to approve the community service officer position under the terms presented by Craig Yehlik and to forward on to City Council if necessary, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

COPS Grant for School Resource Officer

Patrick Olson has approached Craig requesting he implement a school resource officer position. To help cover the costs of this new position, Craig and Noah Wiedenfeld are working on a COPS Grant. Terms of the grant include:

- Payment of \$125,000 over the course of the first three years
- The program must continue for a fourth year or the grant must be repaid
- The grant does not need to be accepted if awarded

This liaison position would relieve some of the police department duties at the schools. Mike requested Craig bring this back to the next meeting along with the amount his department is currently spending on law enforcement services to the schools. More discussion must take place with the school and City Council to determine how to pay for the balance of officer's salary for the first three years and how to fund this position in the future if approved.

Discussion/Update on New Richmond Police Department Policy Review

Craig and the city administrator will be making a decision during the budgeting process to determine if Khristina Williamson or Nick Vivian is the right person to review the police department policies. Until then Craig will be reviewing some of the major policies.

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2016

National Night Out will run in conjunction with the City Utilities picnic on Tuesday, August 2nd. This event will run from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with set up starting at 3:00 p.m. Scottie Ard reviewed how the event has run in the past and updated the members on the outside organizations that will be attending. Jim VanderWyst reported the Fire Department will be having a car extraction demo.

Discussion and Recommendation-Police Department Third Detective Position

Discussion took place on the need to hire a third detective to help with the drug problem in New Richmond. Craig handed out a job description and explained the terms of the position. The mutual aid agreement with the Drug Task Force is financially advantageous to the City and this position will work closely with them. Mike Montello moved to approve and recommend the job description for the third detective position as presented by Craig Yehlik, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Communications and Miscellaneous

With the road construction taking place in the City has come complaints regarding excess speed. Craig will use the speed trailer to slow down the traffic.

A comment was made on the need to acquire more viable applicants for the police department eligibility list.

Craig will be making a *Civilian Response to Active Shooter* presentation at the New Richmond High School on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes by Jeanne Bergman