

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 2018

Members Present: Scottie Ard, Ron Volkert and Jim Jackson

Others Present: Chief Craig Yehlik and Jeanne Bergman

Scottie Ard called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Jim Jackson moved to adopt the agenda; exchanging Items 6 and 4 on the agenda, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Jim Jackson moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of December 21, 2017, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

X-tinguish FST

Chief Yehlik explained a new cutting-age fire suppression tool. This tool is available as a single room canister or a 5,000 sq. ft. home unit that extinguishes fires by emitting a mixture of aerosols. These aerosols are non-conductive, non-corrosive and non-harmful to humans. The aerosol interacts with the fire causing a chemical reaction not allowing it to burn. The one-time home unit sells for \$599 and the canister is approximately \$125. The home unit comes with a shelf life of 15 years, a battery life of 5 years, is good to -65 degrees below zero and auto deploys at 1,000 degrees. Mike Darrow has authorized Chief Yehlik to purchase what he needs for the squad cars. The City will be looking into carrying these units in other City vehicles and at the airport.

Lexipol Update

The New Richmond Police Department currently uses Lexipol to create and maintain departmental policies. Chief Yehlik gave a demonstration of the site and reviewed its features. Some of those features include:

- Daily training bulletins
- Notification of grammatical corrections and updates
- Side-by-side comparison of current polices/State Statutes and suggested changes
- Daily tips
- Customized policy changes specific to the New Richmond Police Department (NRPD)
- One click notification to officers on policy changes
- Verification from officers that policy changes have been read
- Access to manuals, policies and procedures from squad cars

The website saves time, resulting in departmental cost savings and reduces liability to the City. The current cost of the annual membership is \$3,900 and includes eight hours of training. Chief Yehlik stated we are eligible to receive a 5% discount off all future membership fees. No action taken.

HR218 Follow-Up

Some New Richmond Police Department (NRPD) retirees have expressed an interest in obtaining the HR218 conceal and carry permit which is available to those in good standing. The current

NRPD policy has always indicated this is an option but previous administration had not offered this to our retirees. The policy does not create any additional liability or costs to the City.

City Attorney Nick Vivian has reviewed and agreed the HR218 policy is sufficient and meets State Statute but recommended a few language changes. These changes will allow the HR218 policy to be consistent with the NRPD Code of Conduct. Chief Yehlik reviewed the policy noting the language changes and the costs and responsibilities of the instructors and participants. Jim Jackson moved to proceed with the HR218 policy as presented, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Communications and Miscellaneous

Officer Yehlik reported the K-9 has been named Storm. Training for the dog and handler will begin March 3 and the K-9 squad car will be picked up on February 23.

The police department is having trouble getting tech support for the squad cars cameras. The department will be looking at updating and adding to their camera and audio inventory in 2019.

Ron Volkert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Minutes by Jeanne Bergman