

Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday January 11, 2024

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mitchell at 7:00 pm

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Calloway, Cunningham, Mitchell, Mottershaw, Ibberson and Neighbors.

Also in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Chief Steven Snodgrass

Absent: Boster

Visitors: None

Comments from audience: None

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (12/14/2023)

Motion made by Mitchell second by Mottershaw to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/14/23. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Accept applications to hire part-time Police non-certified

Sarg. is throwing out he may retire. We don't have a lot of part-timers. Chief said it wouldn't hurt to hire a couple and put them through the academy. Through SWIGs, it costs \$2,000. The academy's length is approximately 9 months. It is every other Saturday and Sunday. In Bellville at the college. During the week they have online course work. The City would be out the tuition (possibly Chief will have to double check), uniform, equipment, paying them to go and then mileage. Class doesn't start till August, but Chief wanted to get a head start so we aren't waiting till the last minute. Discussion went back and forth about advertising. Consensus was Chief could advertise and accept applications to start with to see what we get.

~~**3. Purchase of hand-held radar**~~

4. Discuss County Board meeting minutes

The Chief wanted to show what was being said about Virden and how we got lumped in with the other towns. Ibberson is (but may need to check with the attorney) 99.9% sure that the county sheriff is responsible to cover any town in Macoupin County that does not have law enforcement to cover it and can't charge you for it. The Chief said we haven't been short handed since October. He doesn't want the citizens to see this thinking we are short staffed and don't have a presence like they are trying to say. Calloway says this is basically saying they want to take money from the towns to hire 6 more officers. Ibberson states it's not going to happen. Their mentality is give us your budget and we will hire more officers to cover it for you and take care of everything. Cunningham says like they are contracting out almost.

Additional:

- Our part-time dispatcher turned down the position. He had a legitimate reason.
- We got a thank you card from the Bounds family for the plant we sent.

Executive Session

1. Approval of Executive Session meeting minutes ((5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21))

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Bertolino to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: