

Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday December 14, 2023

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mitchell at 7:11 pm

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

Absent: Cunningham

Also in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Chief Steven Snodgrass

Visitors: Dave Bounds

Comments from audience: None

Topics:

1. **Approval of Agenda 12/14/2023**

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Murphy to approve agenda as it stands. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (10/12/2023)**

Motion made by Mitchell second by Boster to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes for 10/12/23. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. **Interview for Part-time dispatch (starting at 7:00 pm, not recorded)**

talked in executive session

4. **Dog Issue at Country Place**

A couple of weeks ago Karl Hobson called the Police Dept. about a dog jumping a fence and coming after him. He was asked if that was the same dog Deb Miller called about. It was. Deb said Police never came. Steven wasn't aware of it, but someone should have went out, especially if it's a vicious dog and even if it wasn't animal control should have been called. Can you look back in the logs and see when she reported it? Yes.

5. **Speeding on Cemetery Road**

People keep complaining about speeding. Mitch suggests putting a speed sign there. Steven brought up an electronic radar speed sign a few months ago. You can set the speed you want it set at and if they go above that speed it flashes red and blue and catches their information. It catches the time and date and you can pull up a log of data and determine when it occurs. Gary says it is in Steven's budget to get it out of purchase of equipment. How much are they? The last quote we got was just over \$3,500.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Mitchell to recommend to Council to purchase an electronic radar speed sign not to exceed \$4,000. Motion passed with all in favor.

Additional:

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Ibberson to enter executive session at 7:25 pm.

Executive Session

1. **Approval of Executive Session meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21))**
2. **Personnel/Hiring and/or termination of employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1))**

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Boster to exit executive session at 7:53 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion made by Boster to recommend to Council to increase part-time dispatch employee wage from \$14.50 per hr to \$15.00 per hr start, \$15.50 per hr after release from training and after 1 yr to go to \$16.00 per hr. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Ibberson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: