

**Regular Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday March 12th, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Alderman Boster at 6:00 pm

Alderspersons in attendance: Carter, Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Matrisch, Boster, and Calloway (arrived at 6:15) and Karrick (arrived at 6:59)

Absent: none

Also in attendance: Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint and Police Chief Steven Snodgrass

Audience: None

Comments from Audience: None

Topics:

1. Approval of Minutes 02-12-26

Motion made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes of 02-12-26. **Motion** passed with all in favor

2. Police technology

Chief Snodgrass requested the following:

Priority 1 Three tablet computers and 5 mounts \$11,500

Priority 2 Five thermal printers \$6000 (needed for the above)

Priority 3 One AED (must have), one AED (nice to have) \$3600

Priority 4 Two in car radios \$3400, plus 5 P25 licenses \$3,000

Priority 5 Two handheld radars \$2000

Priority 6 Five in-car dash cameras quote pending (\$10,000 per vehicle possible). In-car dash cameras may require subscription for cloud storage.

Full upgrade of Police Technology could exceed \$80,000.

Chief Snodgrass will continue to look for any technology grants.

Issue tabled for more discussion at a later unspecified date.

3. Solicitor code and procedure

New Solicitor's Permit Code, past ordinances, complaints from the public, First Amendment Rights and Non-for-Profit exemptions were discussed in detail. Discussion on using "Pawnee's Door-To Door Solicitors code" as a sample. Application Form, routing, and timeline requirements was discussed. Craven is to be working on a new ordinance/code.

4. Line item transfer

Motion made by Boster seconded by Carter take a requested line item transfer of \$1000 from line item 01-03-4005 to 01-03-4004 for repairs of the old explorer and future oil changes to the Council for approval. **Motion** passed with all in favor

5. Police Budget

Discussion of the 26/27 Police budget which included 6 police officers was conducted. The discussion concentrated on salaries (fulltime police/dispatch and part time police/dispatch, training at the academy and overtime.

There was discussion on a new police vehicle.

The proposed 26/27 Police budget is \$1,046,660 however, this number may increase depending on IMRF, Social Security, Health Insurance, and Life Insurance.

Executive Session: None

Additional: None

Motion made by Boster seconded by Bertolino to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Motion passed with all in favor

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk

Date Approved: