

Police Committee Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday June 13, 2024

Interviews were conducted at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mitchell at 7:13 pm

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

Also in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Chief Steven Snodgrass

Absent: None

Visitors: Rick Schnetzler and Ben Donley (arrived at 7:35pm)

Comments from Audience:

1. None

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5/09/2024)

Motion made by Mitchell second by Boster to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes for 5/09/24. Consensus passed.

2. Part-time Police pay

Steven put this on here because it was missed on the Council Meeting, and it was discussed last police meeting. Mottershaw asked to refresh their memory. Steven said you were talking about \$22.50 because he was asking for \$25.00 for the part-time. Steven has only 1 part-timer. He has Kim, but she's working Girard. Adam just got a job with the Secretary of State, and he can't work here for 6 months. Mottershaw asked how it will affect his salary budget. He doesn't know. Working a part-timer is cheaper than a full-timer. Bertolino is okay going with \$23.00 if it is in his budget. Calloway, Boster and Murphy are okay with it.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Calloway to recommend to Council for part-time police at academy be \$19.00 an hour, once certified \$22.50 an hour, and after 200 hours \$23.00 an hour. Consensus passed.

3. Purchase of Police Vehicle

Steven gave out a packet. Steven knows he's been talking about Ford Explorers, and he has a Durango in the packet, the reason for that is because Ford hasn't given him any quotes. Dave has called and emailed multiple times and he says he had to do this or that, so we haven't heard back from them yet. Unfortunately, we have a dealership in town, but can't give us the prices, but can do the warranty work. Steven talked about the different quotes on outfitting the police car. Steven asked the opinion of the council between white and black vehicles. Steven likes the black because it can hide better. The

white ones stand out more. What's the price for the black ones. Steven said the guy said they are the same.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to recommend to council to purchase a police vehicle. Consensus passed.

4. Purchase of Flock LPR

Steven mentioned talking with them while they were doing the budget. He got a quote from Flock. Even though we don't have one, he's had access to the system for a year. He sat down with the guy, and he gave him access. They usually charge but didn't charge him. Since then, we caught a thief stealing a catalytic converter from a vehicle on the corner of Blair and Holden. They had video on their house and the vehicle was a black 4 door car with distinctive rims to it. So, Phil punched that into the Flock system and boom got a hit on Chatham's LPR. With that information, he was able to get a plate on that vehicle and he notified the state who put out an ISPERN for it. Chatham picked up on the ISPERN and punched it in what they call a hot list which if it comes up on your system it notifies you immediately. They were able to do a traffic stop on it 5 minutes or a little longer after. We recently had a hit and run on the corner of the square. A vehicle ran a stop sign and plowed into a vehicle. They totaled the other vehicle and just kept going. Steven has the bank's video and was able to get a side profile of the vehicle. They punched in Flock the description of the vehicle and it hit Chatham's Flock 20 minutes later after that incident. The quote is for two of them. Steven's opinion is to place one on Route 4 just south of County Line Road. We would do south of the railroad tracks for the second one, so anything coming to town even if they turn on Wrightsman we would still get them. It gives us real-time feedback to our dispatch. If you steal a vehicle and they put in our LEADS system or nationwide system to store as soon as it hits the LPR it immediately sends a picture and any information of that vehicle to our dispatch in real time, so they can dispatch us out. We can get the information on our phones or if we have computers in the cars, we can do it that way.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Calloway to recommend to council to get the Flock system which would be \$8,500 for the first year and then bill us for the second. Discussion: Murphy can think of two reasons not to get them 1. If they are too expensive and 2. An invasion of privacy. It's mainly an invasion of privacy to criminals. Any vehicle that isn't associated with criminal activity is stored for 30 days then deleted. Consensus passed.

5. Hiring Part-time Police

Steven put this on here to see what their opinion is sending someone through the part-time academy. Belleville deadline is August 2nd. Steven would like to send 2. Boster would like to add Hiler as second to the police part-time list.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to recommend to take it to council. Consensus passed.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to enter executive session at 8:00 pm. Consensus passed.

Executive Session

- 1. Approval of Executive Session meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21))**
- 2. Employment (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1))**
- 3. Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11))**

Motion made by Murphy seconded by Calloway to exit executive session at 8:15 pm. Consensus passed.

Additional:

- Murphy got a notice today that the telecommunicators and police dues are going up \$3.00 a month effective July 1st.
- 709 E Jackson St. has been pre-certified and we can go ahead and demolish that one.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Calloway to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Consensus passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: