

Police Committee Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday July 11, 2024

Interviews were conducted at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mitchell at 7:15 pm

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Mitchell, Mottershaw, Boster, Donley, Schnetzler and Neighbors

Also in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Chief Steven Snodgrass

Absent: Calloway

Visitors: Terry Davis

Comments from Audience:

1. We have kicked the can down the road for two stop signs on Post Rd and Illini Trail. He is asking for 1 on Illini Trail S. W. corner intersection. He wants one there because of the bushes. You have to go into the opposing lane to see around them. People don't look. You really need two signs. Yes, but it was shot down last time 4-3. More discussion was had on this matter.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Schnetzler to table this till Public Works Committee meeting. Consensus passed.

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (6/13/2024)

Motion made by Mottershaw second by Boster to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes for 6/13/24. Consensus passed.

2. Purchase of Police Vehicle

Boster went through the Ford packet. The base vehicle is \$45,165.00 with package added of \$12,956.00 totals to \$58,121.00. This vehicle is a 2025. The Durango is a 2024. Neither vehicle is in stock. The Durango is just shy of \$57,000.00. Steven which one do you prefer? He just needs a Police Vehicle. The Durango has to go to the outfitter. We would have to pick up the vehicle then take it to Springfield. The Durango we can have maintenance done here in town. We don't have to take it out of town. The Explorer does have a shorter wheelbase. It'll turn tighter. Steven which one do you want. He just wants a good reliable vehicle.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Bertolino to recommend to city council to purchase the Ford Explorer from Morrow Brothers. Consensus passed.

Steven would like to buy new equipment to go in it. For a mobile radio, it's \$1,286 60. Does this include installation? No, we can install it ourselves. He'd like to purchase a radar unit for the car for \$1,654. The radio is included with the car package. The vehicle will be black, and Steven wants to get silver/gray lettering.

Motion made by Murphy seconded by Schnetzler to send to council of the purchase of a new radio and radar. Consensus passed.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Boster to enter executive session for litigation and minutes and personnel at 8:19 pm. Consensus passed.

Executive Session

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

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to exit executive session at 9:42 pm. Consensus passed.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mottershaw to approve executive session minutes for 5/9/24 and 6/13/24. Consensus passed.

Additional:

- How are the trainees doing? They are doing good. One has trained 105 hours, Mary, and Brayden has trained 144 hours. They are progressing faster than our previous ones. Any red flags? No. Dispatch Supervisor is going to switch them to afternoons around our busiest times.
- What's going on with our speed sign? Its been out on Wrightsman for about 3 weeks. Steven pulled it for the bike parade. He had to reprogram it for that. It's in our basement. He'll be getting it out tomorrow. Have you had it on Dean or Dye yet? He can scope it out. The biggest issue he has with that sign is posts to put it on. He talked to Pokey a little bit. The ideal place is to post it with the speed limit sign, so you know what the speed limit is and how fast you are going. A lot of these places, there is no speed limit signs there or the posts sit farther off the road. He tried to mount it to a telephone pole, but apparently the power company doesn't like that. Might have to have posts put in where you want it to go.
- Talked about nuisance properties.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Schnetzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Consensus passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: