

Police Committee Meeting  
City Of Virden  
City Council Chambers  
Thursday August 10, 2023

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

**Aldermen in attendance:** Bertolino, Boster, Cunningham, Ibberson, Mottershaw, and Neighbors.

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Murphy, Chief Steven Snodgrass, and City Clerk Shelly Boster

**Visitors:** None

**Topics:**

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (07/13/2023)**

Motion made by Mitchell second by Boster to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes for 07/13/23.  
Motion passed with all in favor.

**2. Discuss 2-hour parking enforcement**

The was brought to Alderman regarding 2-hour parking not being enforced. It was suggested if the public sees a violation to call the police station. If it is a habitual violator that would be when it is enforced.

**Items added to agenda for discussion:**

**3. Discuss replacement of PD refrigerator**

The refrigerator died at the Police department. We had Jones look at it and it would be a \$400 part. Chief Snodgrass got two prices of \$698 and \$729 from Menards. Consensus was for chief to go to Jones and get a new refrigerator with warranty within spending limit of \$1000.00. All were in favor.

**4. Nuisance complaint**

The person that lives on the north side of the car wash was complaining about overspray on their porch and that the lights are bright. There has been a dispute between the homeowner and the manager of the super wash. The homeowner was using the super wash drive to pull in the side of his house and killing grass on super wash property. Homeowner placed gravel on side of home to park. Super wash did not want the homeowner to use business drive and placed parking curbs along their lot so they cannot drive from super wash drive. The homeowner then started a dispute saying that they were staring at him. There is a city code regarding offensive substances. The homeowner thinks the overspray is offensive. The homeowner did move in with the business there. Suggested to have Chief state that even though there is a city code the council does not feel this applies. This is a civil matter and can be taken to civil court.

**5. Feral Cat**

In the July meeting we stated we didn't want to spend a lot of money. He was going to talk to the judge regarding coming to look at the property. There have been a few court dates regarding the feral cats. The judge did order him to get rid of the cats and found him in contempt. He has 14 days to clean up, quit feeding, close up house, and get rid of the cats. None of the committee members knew that court was taking place. Chief Snodgrass was under the impression that it was talk about at council that it was okay to pursue the feral cats.

**Additional:**

There was a railroad guy who did an inspection of two crossings on the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and they passed the inspection. However, he says some of the signs about the quiet zone are fading and need replaced. This will need to be voted on. The Mayor also received an affirmation letter with fourteen steps to renew the quiet zone.

The mayor also received a notice from Rimini Drive that they need a letterhead regarding the council approval of their plans.

Discussed multiple nuisance complaints: West Lincoln and Grove- the city has mowed this, Sports booster lot-owner was on vacation, Gillespie trailer, Dye Street- has had great improvement.

One of the dispatchers has put in resignation effective August 30. It has to be posted in the department for 10 days according to the contract. The contracts in some read 30 days these need to be changed to 10 days. If we don't follow, then they can file a grievance. If it has to be posted for 30 days, you can still advertise but it has to be posted 30 days before any interviews.

Graduation day for the two officers in training is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Then they will have to pass the test.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Neighbors to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.



Shelly Boster  
City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 9/14/2023