

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Common Council Chambers
31 South Madison Street

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by James Montgomery.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: James Montgomery and Matt Brown. Erica Stuart arrived at 6:32 pm. Others present: Police Chief Scott McElroy, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Administrator Ian Rigg and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Samantha Jozefowicz.
3. **Agenda.** A motion was made by Brown, second by Montgomery, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 2-0.
4. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Montgomery, second by Brown, to approve the August 3, 2016 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 2-0.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None
6. **Old Business.** None
7. **New Business.**
 - A. A motion was made by Brown, second by Montgomery, to approve Original Operators License application as listed on the agenda for: Amanda M. Quarne. Motion was approved 2-0.
 - B. A motion was made by Stuart, second by Montgomery to forward Ordinance 2016-17 Amending Chapter 122-191, Abandonment Prohibited. Motion was approved 3-0.
 - C. No action was taken on container placement requirements on public right of way, but was forwarded to the Municipal Services Committee.
8. **Police Department Report.** McElroy reported that EPD was awarded a \$4,000.00 traffic enforcement equipment grant for participating in the Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement, the third grant awarded to EPD this year. McElroy represented EPD at Rock County's National Night Out and Evansville's Night Out. The radar trailer is out and working around the City. McElroy met with school administrative staff to discuss various anticipated school related issues. They meet every year. EPD started working on accreditation proofing this week and will continue into October and November with a mock assessment on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 and an on-site assessment is scheduled for January 2017. The Evansville Supervisor Association will be purchasing ballistic vest/plate carriers one for each squad. The EPD had been having problems with the hard drive of the squad video cameras, but believes to have the problems solved. Staff continue to work with Gordon Flesch on copier issues. Georgean Hunt was hired as permanent part time clerical person. Advertised to create an eligibility list for future full and part time openings at EPD. Officer Hernandez

returned to duty effective Tuesday, September 6th. McElroy reported in the month of August there were 46 license plate transactions, 818 calls for service in August of 2016 compared to 894 calls for service in August of 2015. EPD continues to utilize Facebook for weather updates, significant and special events, media releases, lost and/or recovered dogs, etc.

A. Budget Presentation – McElroy requested that the body cameras from 2016 request stay in, new body armor per the union contract, new squad car, building cameras, painting the interior and exterior of the building, and gun cases with association money. McElroy said the department is working on a federal grant for the body armor. McElroy said there was an increase of PTE hours at the union rate and non-union hours need to stay up so the department can use and retain our PTE officers we invested in. Rigg stated that pay increase for PTE officers, as well as the tentative agreement with the union regarding pay and benefits are budgeted. Rigg noted the increase in public safety spending is due to building inspection, and adding legal expenses to the Police budget directly. Montgomery asked what can be cut if need be. Rigg stated the painting of the exterior could be, but the squad car, body armor and body cameras should stay as a matter of safety.

9. **EMS Report.** Kessenich reported 41 calls for service. EMS received the letter of approval from the State to update current operational plan. The last update was in 2007. Beginning January 2017, EMS will be using Image Trend Elite for patient care reports, an updated program. Kessenich is working with General Communications on radio upgrade. Kessenich is also researching the possibility of restocking ambulance disposable supplies from Rock County Hospitals and working with LifeQuest to review current billing rates which was last discussed in 2014.

A. Budget Presentation – Rigg assisted Kessenich on the presentation. Rigg noted that raised requested in 2015 and 2016 budget will now be given. Money spent on rent to City Hall is no longer going to be expended. Money for new MDT tablets is in the budget as is new training equipment to get the training sessions out of the basement. Training expenses were increased as were Length of Service Awards due to the increased number of EMTs. Capital planning has a new ambulance in 2019 or 2020.

10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 pm.

11. **Motion to adjourn.** Motion by Brown, second by Stuart, to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Samantha Jozefowicz
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer