

## Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee June 19, 2019

Members Present: Councilor Elm  
Councilor Bender  
Councilor Dalbec  
Councilor Sutherland

Others Present: Councilor Van Sickle, Shelley Nelson, Keith Allen, Chief Alexander, Chief Panger, Raymond Moen, Dawn Moen

Councilor Dalbec called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: January 16, 2019

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from January 16, 2019.*

### **Standing Agenda items:**

#### 1. Fire Department Update

Chief Panger talked about the progress of the new Fire Hall building. They hope to be into the building by the end of the month. Public Works will tear down the old building next month, and then they will be doing site work and paving the parking lot. Chief Panger also talked about the newest fire engine that was implemented in February. Everyone has been through training for operation of the new vehicle, and it has been loaded with all of the gear needed.

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to receive and file the Fire Department Update.*

#### 2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander said overall things are good in the department. He noted that we are heading into the summer months which tend to be a little bit busier with schools out and more people tend to be outside, so our call volume tends to go up during this time. We are beginning to see the benefit of our efforts to get our manpower up through pre-hiring and getting a lot of training done before officers retire. For the last seven years we have been down as low as 25 officers signed directly to Patrol during the summer months. There will be times this summer that we will have 33 officers on the street, so this is a significant improvement. Besides the benefits to the public, it improves moral within the department and allows us to have better rested officers. It will also reduce the number of times we have to force officers to work beyond their scheduled shift, or call them in on a day when they aren't scheduled at all.

Chief Alexander spoke about the Pathways to Hope program. So far there have been 35 to 40 people who have entered the program since it began last fall, and the last update noted that we were running at about a 50% success rate in the program, which is a pretty substantial number for recovery in those types of programs, so it is going very well.

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to receive and file the Police Department update.*

## **New Business**

1. Recommendation to Council for an ordinance to limit the speed of motorized users on the Osaugie/Tri County Corridor in the City of Superior to 15 mph and be required to stop at all posted stop signs.

After discussion on this issue it was decided to table it until next month's meeting.

*Motion by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm to table the issue of limiting of the speed of motorized users on the Osaugie/Tri County Corridor in the City of Superior until the July Public Safety meeting.*

2. Discussion on value of city-wide camera system

Chief Alexander gave a presentation on a city-wide camera system.

*Motion by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to refer the city-wide camera system to the Finance committee for funding discussion.*

*Motion by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.*