

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee

January 15, 2020

Members Present: Councilor Elm
 Councilor Sutherland
 Councilor Dalbec
 Councilor Bender

Others Present: Chief Gordon, Chief Alexander, Shelley Nelson

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

Approval of minutes: October 16, 2019

Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from October 16, 2019.

Standing Agenda items:

1. Fire Department Update

Chief Gordon said the two newest firefighters are doing well. There are still two vacancies and a new testing process has been started. Chief Gordon he hopes the department is fully staffed again by the second quarter of the year. Chief Gordon told the committee about the incident that occurred last night, a truck hit a house on East 2nd Street and caused a gas leak. He also explained the information that can be obtained from the department's Facebook page when such an incident occurs, such as which areas are blocked off, etc. Chief Gordon said they have entered into TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) training. This is also commonly known as active shooter training. The fire department is working with the police department, so that both departments can work together during these types of calls. February 17-20th there will be a joint TEMS class for police and fire department members. This training will make us better prepared for many incidents that could possibly happen in our community. Chief Gordon talked about the upcoming 7th grade Health Heart & Safety Day on February 14th. Every year firefighters teach every 7th grader in the City of Superior First aid, CPR, AED basics and an overview of firefighting. This event has earned state recognition and we are lucky to have Enbridge fund this event for us.

2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander said the police department is also beginning a new hiring process. The written test took place last Saturday, and in February department members and PFC members will conduct interviews and applicants will also take the physical agility test. From those applicants a new hiring list will be established. We did swear in two new officers last week, Bethany Kemi and Michael Pitoscia. They are both attending recruit school at Chippewa Valley Technical College for the next 17 weeks. February 3rd we are having a Battle of The Badge blood drive at the Yellowjacket Union at UWS. Both departments will do a media drive to promote donating

blood, and while people are there they can vote for either department that they like the best. The recap for the past week has been the school threats. We do want to do a public information push in the coming weeks to highlight that these types of incidents are not a joke and also there is a significant cost to them, with the police department and the school district. And also the fear and anxiety that it can cause to students and parents. Chief Alexander would like to get the word out that these incidents have significant impact on many people in our community.

Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to receive and file the Police & Fire Department updates.

New Business

1. ATV/UTV/4 Wheeler insurance language

Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to amend the draft ordinance 90-358 to read 'No person may operate an ATV/UTV/4Wheeler within the corporate city limits unless the owner or operator of the vehicle has in effect a liability insurance policy with respect to the vehicle being operated.'

Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to approve the ATV/UTV/4 Wheeler insurance requirement ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.