

**Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee**  
**August 15, 2018**

Members Present:           Councilor Tylor Elm  
                                  Councilor Esther Dalbec  
                                  Councilor Craig Sutherland

Others Present:            Chief Alexander

Councilor Dalbec called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: June 20, 2018

***Motion** by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from June 20, 2018.*

**Standing Agenda items:**

1. Fire Department Update

    No update

2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander told the committee that the crime data we received from the state for 2017 shows most categories on the downswing for the last couple years. Chief Alexander also talked about a recent grant the department received from the Department of Justice. A drug diversion program will be rolled out in the next few weeks that will allow the police department to refer people to treatment. The amount of the grant is \$162,000. The type of treatment will be determined on an individual basis. If the person does not complete their program successfully, then the department will refer the original charges back to the District Attorney.

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

**New Business**

1. Decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana

Counselor Sutherland explained that this proposed ordinance would allow people found with a small amount of marijuana (25, grams or less) to be charged with a City ordinance instead of

a state charge. Chief Alexander said this ordinance would allow officers some discretion when charging an individual. Instead of facing a criminal conviction that could impact their future education, job options etc., they would pay a fine. Both the City Attorney and District Attorney would be involved in drafting an ordinance to fit our community's needs.

***Motion*** by Councilor Sutherland, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to receive and file the Decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana.

***Motion*** by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.