

## Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee September 16, 2020

Members Present:           Councilor Elm  
                                  Councilor Sutherland  
                                  Councilor Dalbec

Others Present:        Chief Gordon, Asst. Chief Kiel, Todd Janigo, Lt. Trone, Shelley Nelson

Some participants joined the meeting via Google Meet.

Councilor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: January 15, 2020

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from January 15, 2020.*

### **Standing Agenda items:**

#### 1. Fire Department Update

Chief Gordon thanked councilors for their support and help in the process for the lease of the new fire truck. It has been ordered and General Safety has 395 days to complete the build. Chief Gordon talked about the current hiring process. Testing and interviews will take place soon and he hopes to have new hires by the first of the year. The department currently has four openings. Chief Gordon spoke about an unfortunate incident that occurred recently that involved the death of a young man. The Chief stressed that while this was a very tragic accident, the department responded as they should have. As traumatic as the situation was, Chief Gordon said they dealt with it right away afterward, and activated their critical incident stress debrief. Everyone involved with that call were able to go through the stress debriefing within an hour of them returning from the call. Councilors all voiced appreciation for Chief Gordon and firefighters.

#### 2. Police Department Update

Lt. Thor Trone relayed to the committee several items from Chief Alexander. There have been three recent promotions to Sergeant, Officer Nick Eastman, Officer Jeff Harriman and Detective Marc Letendre all promoted to Sergeant. We are currently in the promotional process for one more sergeant due to a recent retirement. We recently appointed two officers to Detective: Officer Chris Woolery and Officer Joel Markon. We've made a conditional officer to Peter Erickson, who previously worked for our department. We've also made a conditional officer to Hillary Peterson. Lt. Trone said that while we are in challenging times, we are doing good work overall and we've had an outpouring of support from the community and the City. Our future initiatives are adding a social worker to the ranks within the department, and based on current hot topics in the media regarding law enforcement, we're continuing to do training regarding scenario and decision based training, and de-escalation and implicit biased training. We're looking at adding some form of an interactive/virtual reality law enforcement training system within the next year.

Councilors also thanked Lt. Trone and the rest of the department for everything that they do and Councilor Sutherland noted he believes the community stands behind the department 110%.

*No action*

### **New Business**

1. Traffic Lieutenant Trone: Spartan Road: change ordinance to no parking any time and post.

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to approve the changes to the Spartan Road, no parking anytime.*

2. Traffic Lieutenant Trone: North 31<sup>st</sup> St west of frontage Road to Oakes Ave: exempt from calendar parking, no parking Odd (north Side), and no parking 3a-6a.

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve North 31<sup>st</sup> St west of frontage Road to Oakes Ave: exempt from calendar parking, no parking Odd (north Side), and no parking 3a-6a.*

3. Traffic Lieutenant Trone: Fire lanes

*Motion by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Elm and carried to approve the amendments to amend the ordinance regarding fire lanes, section 112-51 (c) (9).*

4. Parking ordinance

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to approve the changes to section 112-251 (d) (2) and (3) contesting non-moving traffic citations.*

5. Chronic Nuisance Premises

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to hold item #5 in committee until the next meeting.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.*