

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee May 17, 2016

Members Present: Councilor Warren Bender
Councilor Tom Fennessey (alt)
Councilor Dan Olson
Councilor Esther Dalbec

Others Present: Chief Alexander, Councilor Mike Herrick, Shelley Nelson

Councilor Bender called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and noted that roll call had been taken by sign up.

Approval of Public Safety meeting minutes of October 14, 2014

Motion by Councilor Olson seconded by Councilor Fennessey and carried to approve Public Safety meeting minutes from October 14, 2014.

Police Department Update:

Chief Alexander gave an update to the committee on recent events. He noted that four of the five suspects from the homicide in 2014 have gone to court. The remaining suspects' trial is scheduled for June. Chief Alexander spoke about how these large cases exhaust our resources, and affects our overtime budget because of a lot of follow up and court time. Chief Alexander also talked about heroin still being growing a problem in our community. Chief Alexander said so far this year our budget is on track. We currently are down two officers and have two officers on light duty. We recently hired three new officers and they will be attending recruit school until August.

Motion by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by Councilor Olson and carried to receive and file the Police Department update.

New Business:

1. Elections

Motion by Councilor Olson seconded by Councilor Fennessey and carried to nominate Councilor Bender as Chair and Councilor Fennessey as Vice Chair.

2. Referred from April 6, 2016 council meeting, Body Worn Cameras

Chief Alexander presented information to the committee about body worn cameras, including quotes from two companies. Chief Alexander told the committee that several officers have participated in the trial usage of several different body worn cameras and two cameras that seem to be the best fit for the department are Watchguard and Taser.

Motion to by Councilor Dalbec, seconded by Councilor Fennessey and carried to recommend approval for the proposal for body worn cameras from Watchguard.

There was a recommendation from committee members to change the day and time of the Public Safety Committee to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Bender to adjourn the Public Safety Committee at 5:29 p.m.