

City of Washington Public Safety Committee Meeting January 16, 2018

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Voting Members present:

Brian Butler-Chairman, Carol Moss-Alderman, Brett Adams-Alderman,

Other Officials present:

Jim Culotta-City Administrator, Mike McCoy-Chief of Police, Jeff Stevens-Deputy Chief, Roger Traver, Washington Fire Department, Gary Foley, Washington Fire Department and Linda Storer-WPD Administrative Assistant

Residents:

Paul Spiezio, Steve Hullcraz, Nancy Traver, Lance Aarstadt

1. **Aldermen wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:** None
2. **Citizens wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes** – December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Motion by Alderman Moss, 2nd by Alderman Adams.
4. **Business Items**
 - **Monthly Report** –The Committee members were given a copy of the report prior to the start of the meeting. Chief McCoy explained various items contained in the report. There were no questions from the Committee. This report showed annual activity for the entire year and also activity from August-2017 through December-2017. This was done to show the various levels of activity since Chief McCoy came aboard.
 - **Squad Car Laptop Bids** – Deputy Chief Stevens lead the conversation explaining the differences between the bids that were received for laptops. The funds were budgeted in FY 16-17 but the project did not go forward at the time. DC Stevens advised the Committee that the life usefulness has passed and that they are no longer meeting regulated standards. DC Stevens requested the Committee send this to the February 5th Council Meeting for authorization. Chairman Butler asked for a motion: Alderman Adams made the motion; Alderman Moss 2nd motion.
 - **9-1-1 Consolidation Update** - Deputy Chief Stevens is the Chairman of the Operations Board for the consolidation project and presented an update to the 9-1-1 Consolidation Project. He advised that the Governing Board has agreed in principle to seek start-up funding. The initial intergovernmental agreements did not address start-up funding.

The Governance Board has agreed to seek start-up funding from TC3 entities. (Washington, East Peoria, Morton, Pekin and Tazewell County. In addition the ETSB has also said they would contribute.)

DC Stevens further advised that while a sum of money has been discussed, it by no means will be the only start-up funds that will probably be needed. DC Stevens advised that by providing the advanced payment it simply allows TC3 to seek tangible steps forward.

- **Detective Sergeant** – Chief McCoy would like to select an officer as the Detective Sergeant. He asked that a panel including City Administrator, Jim Culotta; Chairman Brian Butler and Alderman Brucks convene to interview the potential candidates judging them on their merit. The Committee agreed with this request and this process is forthcoming.

5. **Other Business**

- **UPDATE:** Alderman Adams received an email about E-cigarettes being used inside establishments where smoking is prohibited. The police department will look into the legality and will make recommendations for the next meeting. (January 2018).

1-16-18: Chief McCoy and Deputy Chief Stevens informed those present of the current Washington ordinance in place that addresses “vape/e-cigarettes” in the hands of minors only. Some information was given as it relates to the Surgeon General and the CDC and their opinions of e-cigarettes and vaping.

The Committee stated since there isn’t a lot of problems with this happening within our jurisdiction, they would table this for now. If an uptick in incidents are reported, they would revisit.

- Roger Traver-Washington Fire Department wanted to express his gratitude to all City Services for their assistance during the Ufring structure fire on January 5, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. Motion made by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Moss.