

City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
October 21, 2019

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

**Voting Members present:**

**Chairman- Brian Butler, Alderman-Brett Adams, Alderman-Randall Black**

**Non-Voting Members present:**

**Alderman Liliya Stevens, Alderman Daniel Cobb**

**Other Officials present:**

**Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Stevens, Fire Chief- Roger Traver and Admin Assistant-Linda Storer**

**Residents:**

**Lance Aardstadt**

1. **Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item:**  
None

2. **Citizen wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:**  
None

3. **Approval of Minutes – September 16 2019**

Motion to approve requested by Chairman Butler – Alderman Adams motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Black.

4. **Business Items:**

**A. Purchase of Replacement Vehicles (3)**

Chief McCoy informed the Committee that the Police Department budgeted for three police squad cars. Bids were sought and received by WPD. The funds were planned and accumulated in the City's Motor Equipment Replacement Fund. WPD is asking the Committee to recommend to the full council the Uprising Bid for these vehicles.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to recommend the purchase to the full council; Alderman Adams made a motion – Alderman Black 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**B. Proposed Ordinance – Standards for the Operation of Ambulances**

The City has a regulatory gap in requiring minimum standards for EMS operations. This ordinance fixes the issue. WPD is asking the Committee to recommend to the full council the ordinance.

There was much discussion about the need for the best care for all Washington citizens.

Currently, the Washington Fire Protection District offers ALS (Advanced Life Support) because of their trained paramedics. Northern Tazewell Fire Department provides BLS (basic life support). There is a small area within Washington that NTFD covers. Both WFD & NTFD respond to these addresses. All residences within Washington will receive Advanced Life Support even in the NTFD because of dual dispatching of both departments.

Chief McCoy wants to work with NTFD. We want to have an established ordinance outlining the standard of care that all Washington residences will receive.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to take to full council and to recommend waiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Alderman Adams motioned and Alderman Black 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

#### **C. D.A.R.E Vehicle Update**

The DARE vehicle upgrades cost a total of \$525.00. This was the vehicle that used to be driven by the former City Administrators.

On a different note, Mr. Zimmerman has been in touch with the Police Department regarding a donation for needed equipment or replacements. He will be donating these funds both this year and next year.

#### **5. Other Business:**

None

#### **6. Adjournment – 6:12 PM, Motion by Alderman Adams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Black.**