

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
August 19, 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:

Chief Michael McCoy, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, DC- Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief- Roger Traver and Admin Assistant-Linda Storer

Residents:

None

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 – July 15, 2019

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

4. Business Items:

A. Phase 2 Security System Upgrade – Police Department

This is a budgeted item in the amount of \$6,800.00 per quote received by Oberlander.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to recommend to the full council: Alderman Black made motion, Alderman Adams – 2nd the motion.

B. Security System for City Hall

The quote is \$12,530.00 from Oberlander. City Administrator Forysthe advised while this is not a budgeted item, he worked with Controller and found funds to support it.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to recommend to the full council to purchase. Motion made by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Black.

C. Data Signal Boosters for Police Squad Cars]

The police department squads has experienced untenable data connection issues – this product fixes this problem. We contacted the ETSB to ensure that these boosters will work with the new system they are researching. We were advised they will work. This a budgeted item for \$10,000.00.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to recommend to the full council– Alderman Black motioned and Alderman Adams 2nd.

D. Proposed Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 101 entitled “Seizure & Impounding of Vehicles” to allow for Notice of Hearing via First Class Mail

The police department is asking to amend the current city ordinance to bring impound procedures of mailing in line with Illinois state law. The law only requires the mailing of notices via 1st class mail, not certified mail.

This would ease the impound process for the officers and save quite a bit of money spent in postage.

Chairman Butler asked for motion to approve – Alderman Adams motioned, 2nd by Alderman Black

E. Citizens Police Academy

New class begins September 10th – October 29, 2019. There is a class size limit so sign up soon.

F. National Night Out Against Crime Update

Officer Dramane Taylor spearheaded this event which was the 1st time Washington Police Department participated. We feel it was a huge success. We will be looking at making it even better next year.

5. Other Business:

Chief McCoy advised the Committee of the following:

We handled three Vicious Dog Hearings today.

3rd Shift Officers apprehended a suspect who had stolen a trailer from Champaign due to some diligent work by these officers. This trailer was filled with many items.

Police Department has purchased a skimming device that can be used on public pay terminals. It is used to see if cards are being read twice.

The police department will continue to read speed trailer data.

The police officer's collective bargaining continues.

Chief Traver advised Committee that WFD has purchased a "fast response car" to replace the 1993 Suburban they were using. Should be in service this week.

Alderman Black asked where we were with EMA? Chief McCoy advised they had a meeting this past Saturday. Still looking to gain new members.

Alderman Black asked about the crosswalk signs that needed to be replaced? DC Stevens advised him that those were not the type that meet federal standards. The ones that do are much more expensive and Public Works would find them difficult because they have to be affixed to the pavement. Removing them to plow snow is not an option.

Alderman Black asked Chief McCoy if the police department would bring back the Monthly Report that shows all the detail instead of the summarized version. It truly highlights what police officers do. Chief McCoy advised that would not be a problem.

Alderman Adams asked how often the motorcycles are being used. Chief McCoy advised that the motorcycles have been out for several weeks. They are also being used for specific traffic concerns.

6. Adjournment – 6:00 PM, motion by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Black.

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