

4/18/2016 Public Safety Committee meeting 5:30PM (WPD Chief's Office)

Members present: T. Gee, D. Dingledine, City Administrator J. Culotta, Chief D. Volk and D/C Stevens

Members absent: T. Maxwell

Others present: S. Hullcraz

Alderman wishing to be heard – None.

Citizens wishing to be heard – None.

Approval of minutes from March 21st, 2016 regular meeting – D. Dingledine motioned, T. Gee seconded. Approved.

Business items – Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Chief Volk asked if the Committee had any concerns in regards to the SRO contract with the High School. Some discussion as to “platooning” the SROs, but no concerns were brought forward. Both aldermen thought idea of second SRO was good. Draft Ordinance amending Chapter 72, Parking Regulations, to restrict parking on S. Cummings and W. Cruger was discussed. T. Gee offered that the ordinance should be sent to Council for 1st reading. D. Dingledine suggested that public comments could be offered after 1st reading. Some discussion took place as to whether or not to take to Committee of Whole, but consensus was to take directly to Council.

Other business - Chief Volk advised Committee that quotes have been asked for from Ragan Communications for Warning Siren switch in lower level of PD. T. Gee suggested seeking info on some type of “base station” (phone, radio, combination) in lower level, in order to communicate with other agencies. This radio may have to connect with Sunnyland tower. Chief will contact Ragan's on this also. Chief also advised that D/C Stevens had been in contact with Ragan's in regards to some equipment failures on Sirens throughout City. All sirens work, but not optimally. Estimate for repair to all is approximately \$2200.00. Committee suggested going forward with repairs. Funds are available in current FY ESDA account. Chief offered news article on 911 Consolidation. D. Dingledine questioned how the State Government could make this law. Chief was asked to provide historical info on the law (Senate Bill 99). Chief advised that ETSB is going forward with plans to submit waiver to State. City Administrator Culotta stated he would contact the Tazewell County Board to ascertain their “position” on this issue. T. Gee discussed whether a City Council resolution of support would help with waiver argument. Chief did not feel it would hurt. Chief Volk announced that as of 4:30PM today (4/18/16), the microwave antennas are up and functioning. Dispatch consoles have been upgraded and work will continue on the other computers throughout the PD.

Adjournment – D. Dingledine motioned, T. Gee seconded. Approved at 6:19PM.