

## **5/16/2016 Public Safety Committee meeting 5:30 PM (WPD Chiefs Office)**

Members present: Butler, T Gee, Brownfield, City Administrator J. Culotta, and Chief Papis

Members absent: None

Others present: Steve Hullcranz

**Alderman wishing to be heard:** NONE

**Citizens wishing to be heard:** NONE

Approval of minutes from the April 18, 2016 regular meeting—T Gee motioned, Brownfield seconded. Approved.

### **Monthly Reports:**

Alderman Butler asked why there were considerably less M.D.R.S reviews in April compared with March. Chief Papis explained the Commanders from each shift reviews the M.D.R.S videos as needed. Chief Papis prefers this structure and realize on the Commanders to bring any issues to his attention.

The newly purchased in car cameras have all been installed.

There was a discussion on the Monthly Shift Staffing Report and Alderman T. Gee explained that ideally each shift would have at least 1 Commander and 3 officers to cover all districts on all shifts. City Administrator Culotta added that on lighter days, Commanders have the option to fill open shifts with a hire back.

Alderman Butler asked why there were zero investigations in April. It was reported that Commander Smith had been on training in April and had just returned.

Chief Papis shared the 911 analysis from 2015 and his conclusion was “to have all calls for service routed to a centralized dispatch center, rather than isolating 911 calls to a consolidated dispatch center and administrative calls to a dispatch center.” Bottom line, “a delay in emergency services could be tragic.”

### **Other business:**

Alderman Butler brought to committee’s attention that no ordinance may be needed with the South Cummings parking ban. He believed the ordinance could be enforced as written and could be complaint driven.

The committee had discussion on the City’s tornado sirens. Aldermen Butler asked why the sirens were turned off on November 17, 2013 during the tornado as the tornado was entering town. Staff reported the sirens are on a 3 minute cycle and need to be restarted after each cycle. The dispatcher had taken cover in the baseman of the police station. Discussion included a second switch installed in the police station basement, a second location not at the police station—possibly the fire station, or possibly a remote switch that a Police Commander could use.

Discussion was held on a plan for issues when the mandated 911 consolidation happens in Tazewell County. What procedures the City will have in place for emergency issues and what is the most cost effective way of doing this.

It was also reported that all tornado sirens have been tested and are repaired.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 PM**