

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
January 10, 2022**

Chairperson Brett Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Voting Members Present**

Chairperson Brett Adams, Alderperson Todd Yoder and Alderperson Aaron Boyles

**Other Officials Present**

Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator, Jim Snider, WPD Chief Michael McCoy, Attorney Derek Schryer, Alderperson Lili Stevens, and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

**Citizens Present**

None

**1. Non-Member Alderperson(s) wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item**

None

**2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2021**

Chairperson Adams asked for a motion to approve minutes; Alderperson Yoder-motoned, Alderperson Boyles 2nd.

**4. Business Items**

**A. Gaming Ordinance Update – Including Terminal Fee Adjustment required by Public Act 102-0689**

Chief Michael McCoy advised the Committee of the creation of Illinois Public Act and has been in contact with Davis & Campbell. They will be comparing our current ordinance with the new Illinois law that regulates gaming. Will update when information is presented. (Information included in packet memo).

**B. Purchase EMA Radios**

**C. Purchase Police Radios**

Deputy Chief Stevens has served on the boards of both the ETSB Board and TC3. The ETSB has received a competitive bid for the county for STARCOM radios. Each city will be responsible for their portion.

A grant has been located to help offset the cost of these. Motorola doesn't know exactly when the radios will become available or what the new cost will be. Asking Committee

to recommend conditional consent to order them based on grant. (Supply issues has created the uncertainty). (Explanation found in packet Memo).

Chairperson Adams requested a motion to take to Council. Alderperson Yoder made motion and Boyles-2nd.

#### **D. Police Department Update**

New police officers, Minton & Gregory are in Phase 1 of FTO training. Commission qualified (2) new candidates. Final decision will be made this week. This brings the PD back up top strength.

Mandatory Police Officer Mental Health Screening – Public Act 101-652 requires statewide minimum standards. We are in contact with Chapin-Russell & Associates for this type of screening. Cost is \$360 per officer and a yearly trend report for \$650. Total yearly cost-\$11090. We will need to have a contract by July with a firm. Still researching companies. City Administrator and PD will be making a final plan to be certain of compliance.

Officer is working part time with MEG. Process is going well.

Continuing to work with Homeland Security on Child Sexual Abuse Images.

New squads have arrived with the exception of a detective vehicle.

We are working with an organization “Lifting Up” to work with the schools in exchanging information. This helps each side identify problems in kids’ life so that each side is aware of situations that could cause issues for them.

The grant application for PD & FD (\$200,000) has been turned into Finance Director, Joanie Baxter.

Chief McCoy informed Committee that the last snow storm went well. Citizens were advised, in advance, to keep cars off of the streets until plowed. There were NO accidents within the 1st hour of the storm. (They came later in the day).

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

C/A Jim Snider briefly discussed the needs of an evidence building. He said that their will be discussions on options and full project costs. The project would probably be paid by 80% ARP (American Rescue Plan) Money and 20% will be city cost. More details to come.

C/A Jim Snider reminded everyone of the virtual meeting 5PM tomorrow to discuss Freedom Pkwy extension.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Adams. Motion made by Alderperson Yoder and 2nd by Alderperson Boyles. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.