



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: October 16, 2019

LOCATION: City Hall Conference Room

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ANNOUNCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (VERIFY QUORUM)
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: September 18, 2019
- IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 1. Building & Codes Department: Monthly Reports
 2. Police Department: Monthly Reports
 3. Fire Rescue: Monthly Reports
- V. COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED
None
- VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED
A Resolution authorizing retirement of a Patrol Service dog "Koda" from K-9 unit and donation to Police Officer Keith Jones; *(Chief Ansley)*
- VII. OTHER
Discuss changing the time of beer sales on Sunday. *(Councilman Holleman)*
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 minutes each)



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room

Attending

Committee Members: Councilman Jeff Henley, Chairman; Councilman Travis Holleman; Councilman Vondell Richmond; Councilwoman Wanda Smith

Others Present: Mayor Joe Pitts, Fire Chief Freddie Montgomery, Police Chief Alonzo Ansley, Building & Codes Interim Director David Smith, Building Official Justin Crosby, Kathy Gray

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Henley and it was noted there was a quorum.

Minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee after a motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Richmond.

BUILDING & CODES:

~Mr. Smith stated that he would answer any questions regarding the monthly reports.

Councilwoman Smith asked if the number of complaints received was out of the ordinary and Mr. Smith said it was not, and is actually on pace with grass growing season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

~Chief Montgomery gave a review of the monthly reports and asked for questions.

He stated that Fire Prevention has been busy, that the Maintenance Assistant Chief will be retiring this month, and that they are going to a 40 hour schedule transition. They have put together a Blueway response team (three members from Station 10), and established a three year plan which will be accomplished by March. Clark Park, Dunlap Park, & Red River East will be access points. They are putting up signage and purchasing a drone to keep at Station 10. Mayor Pitts commended Chief Montgomery for this accomplishment.

Councilman Richmond asked about the cause of a recent vehicle fire at Old Glory Distillery and Chief Montgomery said that he would find out and let him know. Councilwoman Smith asked about the burn ban and he said that it changes daily and citizens should call the department for updates. He said they are working on a better system of inquiry. Councilman Holleman suggested a color coded on-line indicator. Chief Montgomery reported that incident command mandatory training begins tomorrow. He stated that they are working to improve how they control scenes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

~Chief Ansley presented monthly reports and asked for questions.

He said that the Bikers Who Care Toy Run and party is scheduled for this weekend and they have increased officers for security. We are also furnishing the Sky Watch.

He reported that five arrests have been made in the recent Givens Lane/Summit Heights homicide.

Councilwoman Smith stated that she had been called by the Black Angels Motorcycle Club who said they are planning a party/event for community unity. Chief Ansley said that he is not aware of this.

Councilman Richmond commended the CPD for their presence and organization at Riverfest.

Mayor Pitts also commended the CPD and the Community Relations Unit for a great job and for great presence in the community. Councilwoman Smith agreed and added her thanks.

Chief Ansley said that MTAS representatives recently met with and surveyed fifteen officers and gave a positive finding, reporting a great culture within the department.

Councilman Richmond asked how we can overcome negative public opinion. He feels that this is sad in light of the recent Money Magazine report on Clarksville being the #1 place to live. Councilwoman Smith said that we will always have crime. She suggested that we send reports to churches and the newspaper. Chief Ansley said that he can show stats which compare favorably to other cities. He added that we are transparent in our reporting and hide nothing to the public.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED

“A Resolution authorizing retirement of a Patrol Service Dog “Karma” from K-9 Unit and donation to Police Officer Joshua Swaffer”

Chief Ansley stated that Karma is nine years old and has developed a degenerative disease which prevents him from performing duties of a Patrol Service Dog. We are asking that he be retired and donated to his handler, Joshua Swaffer. We will compensate him a small amount for veterinarian cost and food. The Resolution was approved by all after motion was made by Councilman Holleman and seconded by Councilman Richmond.

There was no further business.

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Holleman seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathy Gray

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