



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
City Hall Conference Room

Attending: Councilman Jeff Henley, Chair; Councilman Ron Erb; Councilman Vondell Richmond; Councilman Travis Holleman

Others Present: Building & Codes Director Mike Baker, Police Chief Al Ansley, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Williams, Rod Wright, Internal Audit and Paula McWhirter

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

Minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved after a motion was made by Councilman Erb, seconded by Councilman Holleman and approved by the committee.

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT:

- Mike Baker presented the department's monthly report and stated he would entertain any questions.
- There was discussion regarding the enforcement/follow-up of structures damaged due fire. Mr. Baker informed the committee proper protocol is to allow 30 to 60 days for insurance and other issues to clear the go ahead to clean and/or demolish.
- There was also general discussion regarding the recent fire at Ashford Place Apartments on Memorial Drive. Discussion included the cause of the fire and ways to prevent these types of fire from reoccurring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Ansley presented the department's monthly report and advised he would answer any questions.
- Chief Ansley advised the committee they are in the process of interviewing new cadets to fill vacancies within the department and he is very pleased with the diverse group of candidates.
- Chief Ansley informed the committee the department is going to update their current software.
- Chief Ansley also reported car crashes are up from last year but crime rate is down averaging 101 per 1000. The state average is 106 per 1000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Deputy Chief Williams presented the department's monthly report and advised he would answer any questions.

- Deputy Chief Williams advised the committee that for March 2019 department had a total of 678 runs and most were medical related with drug overdoses are on the rise.
- Clarksville Fire Rescue is currently training six (6) new fire fighters and the initial cost per new hire is \$10,000 for equipment and training.
- Deputy Chief Williams also mentioned they are having minor problems with the new fire truck and it has not gone into service yet.

Chairman Henley asked if there was any objection to moving the Public Safety Committee budget review from May 7th to May 2nd? Chairman Henley advised he would contact all involved through email to confirm any changes in the dates and time.

There being no further discussion motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Erb, seconded by Councilman Holleman and approved by the committee.

Submitted by:
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