



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

July 17, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

### **Attending**

Committee Members: Councilman Henley, Chair; Councilman Erb; Councilman Holleman; Councilman Richmond; Councilwoman Smith

Others Present: Police Chief Alonzo Ansley, Building & Codes Interim Director David Smith, City Auditor Rodney Wright, 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 June 19, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee after a motion was made by Councilman Holleman and seconded by Councilwoman Smith.

### ***BUILDING & CODES:***

- ~Mr. Smith presented monthly reports and stated that he would answer any questions.
- ~He reported that the Wesley Chapel Church collapsed in a recent storm and was posted unsafe. They worked with CPD, CFR, and EMA to make sure that no one was injured. Worked with Church trustees and bank, as per City Council action. Pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for tomorrow on site with any potential contractors. Bids will be put out next week and two structures will be built on the site by Habitat for Humanity.
- ~Councilman Richmond met with the owner of the Wagon Wheel Restaurant who stated that a Codes inspector had stopped by and said she needed to update her sign and she was unclear about what is needed. Mr. Smith will check into it.

### ***FIRE DEPARTMENT:***

- ~Chairman Henley stated that Fire Rescue was not represented, but their report was in the packet.

### ***POLICE DEPARTMENT:***

- ~Presented monthly reports and asked for questions.
- ~Councilman Richmond reported that he met with a group of ministers led by Pastor Robert Harris with First Missionary Baptist Church regarding concerns about violence. Chief Ansley stated that he will be happy to meet with them. He mentioned that CPD is very proactive with community policing and there are now five members of the Community Relations Unit who do an outstanding job of interacting with citizens and educating them on safety. Ms. Smith said that laws need to be changed on gun control and we need to contact State and National representatives. She asked how police approach citizens to interact with them. Chief Ansley said we have to build trust and we are doing our best to

form a bond. We spend more time in areas where there is a lot of crime and meet bi-weekly at Crime View meetings to learn of the areas where the most crime and traffic accidents occur. We track all activity and now have body cameras. 42% of all crimes are closed, which is among the best rate in the State. We also report all crime to the public which he feels the citizens deserve to know. He will give the committee a copy of our recent TBI report. Chairman Henley commended Chief Ansley and the CPD for doing a good job and for their presence in the community.

**CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED**

**Approval of Mutual Aid/Interlocal Agreement between the City of Clarksville, TN and Austin Peay State University.**

Chief Ansley stated that this is the same wording as the agreement executed last year. There is a new Police Chief at APSU and this document is being executed so that it will contain his signature. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Richmond and seconded by Councilman Erb. It was approved by the committee.

There was no further business.

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Erb seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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