



SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023, @ 5 P.M.

City Hall - Board Room

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Present in the Board Room at City Hall were Alderman Joey Hobbs, Alderman Bellamy, Alderman French, Mayor Howard, Police Chief Sipe, Assistant Police Chief Floied, Fire Chief Chambers, and Codes/Zoning Director Fiske. Chairman Hobbs called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Alderman French made a motion to approve the Safety Committee minutes of 2-13-23 Alderman Bellamy seconded the motion and the minutes passed 3-0.

Codes Department:

Chairman Hobbs discussed items he would like Director Fiske to start discussing at the Safety Committee Meetings, and to include information on permits that had been pulled. Chairman Hobbs also asked Director Fiske to start discussing "safety related items" since she is the Safety Head of the City. Director Fiske discussed her 2023-24 Budget and has added to the line item for Contractual Services which includes St. John Engineering. Director Fiske discussed the increased need of engineering services due to the Land Use Plan and the new MS4 Storm Water Permit and updates related to the storm water permit. Alderman French discussed complaints that come into the codes office and the tracking of complaints. Currently, Troy keeps the complaints in a binder. Chairman Hobbs asked about upcoming events and Director Fiske discussed they would be having a public meeting on the Land Use Plan again.

Police Department:

Chairman Hobbs discussed complaints regarding speed limit on Interstate Drive leading to Uselton Drive and would like it moved up to 30 mph from 20 mph. Alderman French made a motion to make the speed limit 30 mph and move to the street committee to approve the signage. Chairman Hobbs stated they are only asking for 30 from the break off part of Uselton and not by the businesses. Seconded by Alderman Bellamy and the motion passed 3-0. Chief Sipe discussed his monthly report (attached) Chief Sipe announced that Mitchell West has been selected as the new Major. Chairman Hobbs asked about the 2023-24 Budget and Chief Sipe would like to ask for an additional patrolman to be hired. Chairman Hobbs asked about the salary for that position. Assistant Floied discussed the different scenarios but would but for 48,276.00. The bulk of the 2023-24 Budget would be Salaries with a ten percent increase, and the Enterprise Lease if approved by the State Comptrollers Office. Alderman French made a motion to approve adding a

patrolman position and seconded by Alderman Bellamy. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Hobbs stated they send that with a positive recommendation to finance for their review. Chief Sipe discussed a wage increase for Court Clerk Dawn Adams that answered to the Major position. Chief Sipe stated Mrs. Adams is in a supervisory role over the 2 PSO positions. With the ten percent increase and an increase of 1.69 an hour which will bring her up to 23.00 an hour. Chairman Hobbs asked for a new job description first. Chairman Hobbs asked the MPD to present a maintenance plan to the City if they go with Enterprise or if they don't to compare the cost. Mayor Howard asked Chairman Hobbs if he was for leasing 19 vehicles at one time and he stated yes. Assistant Police Chief Floied discussed the violent crimes grant that the City has received. Alderman French discussed getting on all MPD vehicles 988 "suicide" hotline sticker.

Fire Department:

Chief Chambers discussed the MFD February report. Chairman Hobbs asked about the MFD 2023-24 budget. Chief Chambers discussed adding a firefighter position and needing 10 per shift. Chairman Hobbs asked what firefighters top out 42,000t, but that figure doesn't include overtime or the ten percent raise that was just given. Chief Chambers discussed increasing his budget to include new bed frames, mattresses, updates for Fire Station 1 & 2. Chief Chambers discussed the issues with the new Motorola radios and the need for mobile repeaters. Alderman French made a motion to send a positive recommendation for the new firefighter position on to finance to review. Mayor Howard discussed the needed repairs to the stations with Chief Chambers and if he was waiting to start the repairs. Chief Chambers stated he was currently working on the repairs and also getting quotes. Mayor Howard discussed the two vacancies and the interview panels and input. Mayor Howard asked if an individual that was certified was on the list to interview and Chief Chambers stated no. Chief Chambers discussed the process he has for interviews. Mayor Howard discussed the MCC regarding hiring. Chairman Hobbs discussed how applications are selected and qualified firefighters. Chairman Hobbs stated he wanted to repost the positions and go back through the interview process. Alderman French made a motion if you leave before 2-4 years after the City pays to train a firefighter, they have to pay the City back for the training. Alderman Bellamy left the room. A discussion ensued by the committee regarding the validity of the motion. Chairman Hobbs stated he would like to start the process with reposting the positions and having HR oversee the hiring process. Alderman French stated he would like to see the discussion revisited next month when they have a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman French made a motion to adjourn the and seconded by Chairman Hobbs.

CHAIRMAN JOEY HOBBS 4-10-23