Public Safety Committee Meeting March 1, 2022

The Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm via live attendance and Zoom Conferencing in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8th. Present were Committee Members Roxanna Brush, Chris Grenz, Kathy Wilcox, and Ken Gardner. Also present were: Police Chief Doug Colombik, Police Captain Dan Baker, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Council Member Rick Huber, Dispatch Supervisor Lyne Anderson. Fire Lieutenant Casey Miller and HR Officer/Recorder Linda Wilkins.

Chairperson Brush called the meeting to order.

1. Discussion on Safety for residences of Leighton Blvd

There is concern by residents living on Leighton Boulevard of the speed of traffic. The committee discussed possible solutions: continued police patrol traffic enforcement of the area, placing a sign in the area to let drivers know if they are speeding and painting of crosswalks.

**Committee Member Wilcox moved to continue the police presence, painting crosswalks two times a year and to continue to work with the Police Chief, seconded by Committee Member Brush, the motion passed, 4-0.

2. Fire Department update

Fire Chief Stevens updated the committee:

- The replacement costs for the fire station are coming in at \$6.1 million, he explained to the architect that he had a budget of \$5 million. The architect was able to cut out 1500 square feet and which reduced the cost to \$5.7 million.
- His concerns are that by cutting corners the community may not receive a solid structure and functionality will suffer.
- He is currently working on finalizing the USDA low interest 40-year loan and a 35% grant match and has submitted an environmental assessment on the fire training center. A mil levy will need to go out for election to help defray the building costs.

3. Police department update

Captain Baker commented there was need for a resolution for SDI Architects to proceed with Phase 2. Hardy has completed a walk through.

4. Adjournment

**Committee Member Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Grenz and passed unanimously, 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairperson Roxanna Brush

Recorder Linda Wilkins