

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
June 24, 2022**

The Public Safety Committee met Friday, June 24, 2022, at 11:00 am via live attendance and Zoom Conferencing in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8th. Present were Committee Members Roxanna Brush, Kathy Wilcox, and Ken Gardner. Absent was: Committee Member Chris Grenz. Also present were: Police Chief Doug Colombik, Police Det/Lt Spencer Anderson, City Shop Foreman Dan Decker, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Local 600 President Casey Miller, Fire Captain Eddy Kanduch, Councilperson Rick Huber, Citizens Don Neese and Mark Ingraham and HR Officer/Recorder Linda Wilkins.

Chairperson Brush called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens**

None

**2. Staff Comments**

None

**3. Committee Member Comments**

Committee Member Wilcox asked Chief Colombik for an updated on the stop sign placed at the corner of Leighton Blvd and N Strevell Ave. Chief Colombik stated there have been a lot of citation issued for failure to stop, he thought a flashing red light would be helpful to prevent accidents.

**4. Discussion Police Department Building**

Chief Colombik updated the committee on the following:

1. Brick work has been completed
2. Bids for concrete work, graveling or paving the parking lot and painting of front need to be obtained
3. Weeds need to be taken care of – he will follow-up with Director Gray to see if the some of his employees can help.
4. A phone for the outside of the building needs to be installed. The phone from the VA building could probably moved to the new building.

There should be a savings to the budget of approximately \$36k.

**5. Discussion Fire Hall Building**

The open houses at the Fire Department were not well 10 people from the community came and toured the Fire Hall. There was discussion on the structural unsoundness of the building. There has been concern in the community over the cost of construction. It was explained the Chief Stevens has been working on obtaining funding through federal government grants and loan and researching any other funding sources available, the entire cost of the construction would not be done through a mil levy, final funding is currently being worked on and until final figures are determined an amount for a mil levy can not be established at this point in time. Any one is free to contact Chief Stevens to see plans or how funding is progressing.

**6. Discussion on Police Vehicle status and replacement.**

Chief Colombik provided a fleet status report and the cars are a disaster. Foreman Decker explained that most of the vehicles in the police department are needing to be replaced and if you start out with a used vehicle you are

already starting out with a worn-out vehicle. He has been looking at the cost of hybrid vs gas vehicles, gas vehicles are about \$36k and hybrid are around \$42k. Det/Lt Anderson explained that vehicles are being run 24/7 and there are not enough vehicles to go around should a vehicle breakdown. It would be good to consider have a yearly rotation of vehicles, but first the fleet has to be replaced before a rotation can begin. The goal would be to have the oldest vehicle in the fleet to be 5 years old. Committee Member Wilcox suggested that the remaining funds from the building construction be allocated to a police vehicle.

*Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to the finance committee re-appropriating the balance of the building fund to the purchase of a new police vehicle, seconded by Committee Member Brush. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

**7. Discussion and recommendation on U-Turns in school zones.**

Committee Member Gardner expressed his concern over the danger to children of performing U-turns in school zones. Chief Colombik was not opposed, should get Attorney Rice to work on an ordinance.

*\*\*Committee Member Gardner moved to recommend to council no U-turn signs in all school zones, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

**8. Adjournment**

*\*\*Committee Member Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox and passed unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

  
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Chairperson Roxanna Brush

  
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Recorder Linda Wilkins