

MINUTES

COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE & POLICE) COMMITTEE

February 15, 2017 - 5:30 PM
Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Mac Morrow, Vice- Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Phil Harris, Chief of Police
Craig Budzinski, Fire Chief

Staff: Mark Norton, Assistant Chief
Bradley Elmore, Assistant Chief
Jill Murray, Deputy City Clerk

Press: Matt McGregor, Transylvania Times

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

2. Certification of Quorum

Deputy City Clerk Jill Murray certified that a quorum was present.

3. Review of the Minutes

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Budzinski, the July 13, 2016 and December 14, 2016, meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Fire Department

Rescue 21 Replacement

Chief Budzinski stated that the City of Brevard Fire Department Truck Committee worked diligently and decided on EVI (Emergency Vehicle Incorporated) as the truck to purchase and this truck should serve the City well for the next 25 years. The total cost of the truck and the needed equipment will be a total of \$850,000 which includes all ropes, fans and airbags being upgraded and then some new equipment being added. The payment will remain around the same as the ladder truck payment that is finishing up this year and Chief stated they would like to use the piggyback method. Mr. Fatland added that the piggyback method takes at least two

council meetings and ad has to be run. Also the City Attorney has to look at the piggy back procedure. Mr. Fatland asked that it be added to the March agenda for consideration.

Full Arrest Response in the City

Chief Budzinski explained that Transylvania County has initiated team focus CPR and when they arrive on scene, it is advised that they do two minutes of compressions. Therefore, if you're doing thirty minutes of CPR you need at least six people there to do it as studies show that a person gets fatigued after two minutes. You can't count the two paramedics at the scene because they're handling drugs and other things, so you need at least a minimum of six people on scene and once you go through all six, if necessary, you begin again. Chief Budzinski is asking if the Brevard Fire Department could be automatically dispatched (toned) at the same time as Transylvania County EMS and the Brevard Rescue Squad on cardiac arrests, either just in the City district or both districts, so as to get enough people to take care of it.

Mr. Jones asked what the next step would be to get this set up.

Chief Budzinski explained they would need to meet with Bobby Cooper and Kevin Shook. He stated that currently they have 41 volunteers and 31 of them are EMT's. Mr. Norton added that we could start it with the City and then if the County wanted it, we could move forward with that as well. Mr. Jones and Mr. Fatland agreed that they should move forward with the meeting with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Shook and get it set up.

Air Pack Replacement Grant Update

Chief Budzinski explained that there has been no movement on the grant so far and has not heard from them or seen a letter. He further explained that he would like to have a "Plan B" in place in case the grant falls through. The bottles they have will expire in 15 years and they have replaced 35 bottles in the last two years. The equipment is just outdated. If they do not receive the grant, the cost of the new equipment will be \$320,000.00 to purchase 45 air packs. Mr. Fatland decided to wait and see if the grant comes through before making any further decisions.

County Substation

Chief Budzinski said that Mr. Fatland has another meeting with the County with regards to this, so we will wait to discuss that further.

5. Police Department

Awards Policy/Banquet

Chief Harris explained that the Police Department is implementing an awards and commendation program. He passed out a handout explaining the program in detail. There are awards for Medal of Valor, Lifesaving Award, Meritorious Award and many others. He feels this

is a point of camaraderie and gives his employees an added incentive to perform well. There will be an awards banquet in the next few months.

Community Connections/Use of Force

Chief Harris explained they want to “stage” a use of force and go through the process and it will be videotaped. It is going to be racially sensitive and he said he would rather do it in a staged event before a real event happens and they’re trying to set it up in the next two months. He sees it as something that will move them forward even though it will be a touchy night for everyone. The Sheriff will be involved as well.

Mr. Jones added that showing what can happen, how we can stop it, and how force can be used is great. It shows how you should and could respond and commended Chief Harris on doing it.

Brevard Cares Community Clean-Up

Chief Harris handed out a “Brevard Cares” flyer and explained that March 25th is a community clean-up day to help out citizens. They could be disabled, elderly, a single mom, someone who is injured etc. The Police Department hands out assignments to all that show up to help and they usually have somewhere between 60-80 volunteers each year. He added that this year, the BHS Honor Society is going to volunteer their time.

National Night Out

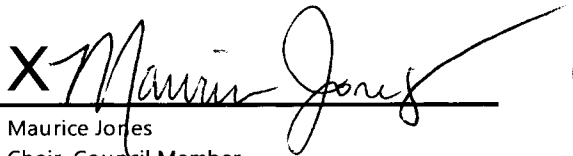
Chief Harris announced that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 on Main Street. It’s a great interaction with our citizens and we just need to put it on Facebook and invite people to attend.

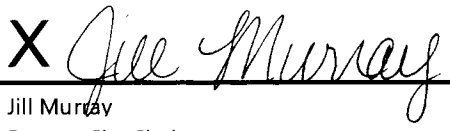
6. Schedule Meeting

No future meeting was scheduled at this time.

7. Adjourn

Chief Budzinski motioned, seconded by Chief Harris, the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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Maurice Jones
Chair, Council Member

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Jill Murray
Deputy City Clerk