

MINUTES

City Council Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, November 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
Craig Budzinski, Fire Chief
Phil Harris, Police Chief
Jimmy Harris, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present: Tom Whitlock, Deputy Finance Director
Nicole Owenby, Administrative Assistant

Special Guests: David McNeill, Assistant County Manager
Gerald Grose, Transylvania County Fire Marshal
Kevin Shook, Communications Director
Robbie Smith, SMEAL

Welcome & Call to Order

Maurice Jones, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Agenda was presented with amendment to add information from Phil Harris, Chief of Police. Mr. Morrow motioned to approve the agenda with amendment, Mr. Budzinski seconded. The agenda passed unanimously.

Certification of Quorum

Nicole Owenby, Administrative Assistant certified that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2017

Mr. Fatland moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the October 12, 2017, meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rescue Truck 21 Replacement and Equipment

Mr. Fatland stated that at the previous meeting it was discussed to look at purchasing a new Rescue truck. Mr. Budzinski was asked to have more information about the new truck and equipment. Mr. Smith provided more information on a custom cab and chassis for the meeting. Mr. Budzinski and Mr. Smith both stated that the safety of the firemen is the reason why most fire departments purchase custom made cabs. Mr. McNeill stated that when he is presenting the information to County Commissioners he will be presenting them with the same information presented at this meeting. Mr. Fatland stated that the City is ready with the full pricing of the truck and it will be presented at the City Council's January meeting. Mr. McNeill and Mr. Fatland will both have the cost information in early January to be presented to both the City Council and County Commissioners' meetings in January. The item presented was the equipment list. Mr. Budzinski stated that the equipment list was modified and the price was cut in half. Mr. McNeill would like for Mr. Budzinski, Mr. Grose, and Scott Justus to meet as soon as possible to go through the equipment and try to trim down the list. Mr. Fatland asked that this meeting take place before City Council and County Commissioners both meet.

Thermal Imaging Cameras and Truck

Mr. Budzinski stated that the FEMA grant money has not yet been released. There is no timetable for right now for when they will release the money. The fire department has applied for another grant for thermal imaging cameras to replace three older ones and another grant to replace Engine 23. The grants have not been awarded yet, but they will be hearing something soon.

Firefighter Compensation

Mr. Fatland stated that the City was looking at firefighter compensation for every firefighter and not just the firemen who live in the city. The City will be presenting at the next meeting.

Police Update

Chief Harris gave updates on the crime rate for the City of Brevard. He stated that the crime rate has decreased over the last year. Also, the Police Department banquet will be held on December 8 at the Rogow Room. The Police Department is currently in the process of looking at have a Fire Arms Range near the Water Treatment Plant. Chief Harris also noted that they have applied for a grant to replace handheld radios.

Set Date for Next Meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 2018.

Adjourn.

There being no further business, Mr. Fatland moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Maurice Jones,
Chair, Council Member

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Nicole Owenby,
Administrative Assitant