Des Peres Public Safety Department
1000 N. Ballas Road
Des Peres, MO 63131

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

OF

JANUARY 4, 2016

The Board of Public Safety Commission Meeting, conducted in the Public Safety Building, was called to order by Commission Chairman Beermann at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted with the following in attendance: Commissioner Joanne Sullivan, Commissioner Robert Ashcraft, Commissioner Jerry Lund, Alderman Kathleen Gmelich, Chief Keith Krumm, Captain Eric Hall and Lieutenant Robert Willoughby. Commissioner Larry Beermann and Captain Sean Quinn were absent with excuse.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

To Commissioner Sullivan's inquiry of any citizen comments, Commissioner Ashcraft advised he has observed in neighboring subdivisions that parts of the fire hydrants had been painted with a substance that makes them quite visible at night. During the day the hydrants are grey and yellow at night. Chief Krumm advised he would have someone check into the matter.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS:

To Commissioner Sullivan's inquiry of any agenda amendments and/or additions, the following was noted: Chief Krumm requested the subject matter of I.S.O. Training

Standards be added to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

With regards to the minutes of the December 7, 2015, Public Safety Commission Meeting, Commissioner Ashcraft motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gmelich and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Sullivan and Ashcraft, and Alderman Gmelich; Commissioner Lund abstained

ALDERMANIC REPORT:

Alderman Gmelich advised the Board of Aldermen had only one meeting during December. Relative to the deer management situation, the City is making note of the concerned citizens and their input ,and will have a deer count/census conducted in January.

Election filing officially opened December 15, 2015, and will close at 5:00 p.m. on January 19th. Currently, all incumbents are running unopposed. To Commissioner Ashcraft's inquiry if only the incumbents have filed by the filing deadline, is an election required, Alderman Gmelich advised she would check into the matter.

In advising that the City of Des Peres has not joined the lawsuit against St. Louis County relative to the recent minimum police standards mandated by St. Louis County, Mayor Lahr is writing to a St. Louis County Council member, citing his concerns of these matters.

To Alderman Gmelich's inquiry, Chief Krumm and Captain Hall reported that some flooding occurred on Dougherty Ferry and Des Peres Road, and residents called in with concerns of the Beaver Dam Lake. Both locations were monitored closely, and at times, traffic was limited to one lane on the roadway.

BUDGET:

Relative to the 2015 Fiscal Budget, Chief Krumm advised it is anticipated that the General Fund accounts will have an approximate 4% remaining year-end balance and the Capital Improvement year-end unexpended balance will be approximately $21,000.

The new carpeting will be installed next week, and the other capital improvement purchases of the self-contained breathing apparatuses, the fill station and fire turnout

gear should be delivered and billed during the month of January.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION ON WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TOPICS:

To Commissioner Ashcraft's inquiry concerning a temporary Acting Sergeant while Sgt Milberg is on active military duty, Chief Krumm advised he is currently discussing the situation with City Administrator Harms. In addition to Sgt. Milberg's absence, Sgt. Mainini is out due to an on-duty injury and Cpl. Jenkerson is currently on light-duty status from an on-duty injury.

OLD BUSINESS:

On the matter of the Ballas Estates residents' child safety concerns and homeowners' privacy concerns with regard to traffic turn-arounds at the subdivision's entrance and on resident's driveway, Chief Krumm advised the Public Safety Commission he has consulted with some area chiefs who offered no suggestions. Also, a couple surveillances have been conducted during which no turn-arounds were observed. There is a subdivision in Frontenac that had "No U Turn" signs installed on Clayton Road at the entrance to their subdivision for similar turn-around problems. Following the Public Safety Commission's discussion of the matter with Chief Krumm, and in recognition of the residents' concerns, it is recommended Mr. Lough be contacted so he can advise the residents at the next subdivision meeting that if the residents wish to pursue the "No U-Turn Sign(s)", the subdivision trustee would need to contact St. Louis County as the signage would be installed on Ballas Road (property of St. Louis County). With regards to installing "Caution – Children at Play" signs, the residents would need to seek Des Peres' Board of Aldermen approval. Such approved signage would then be installed on homeowners' properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Krumm advised he/the City has not yet received official notice that the department has received State Certification. However, while attending the winter Missouri Police Chiefs Association's conference in December, it was indicated to him that, while the final report has not yet viewed or voted upon, there was no concern. When the certification is attained, either the Missouri Police Chiefs Association's President of the Board or the Executive Director will present the certification to the Des Peres Board of Aldermen.

As previously covered (under the Budget heading), the carpet will be installed next week. The Fill Station, Turnout Gear and the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses which were all ordered in December at expected sometime in January.

Relative to the I.S.O. (Insurance Service Organization which rate state fire districts and departments, affecting residential/business fire insurance rates) and its mandating changes in required training (as previously discussed during the December's Public Safety Commission Meeting), and following a discussion with Chief Krumm and Captain Hall regarding the eighteen practical hours per officer at an approved training facility, along with an official formatted agreement with West County Fire EMS in charging $20,000 for department members receiving the 2016 practical training and the department having access to train those officers not available for scheduled training sessions, Commissioner Ashcraft

> *Motioned the Public Safety Commission recommend the Board of Alderman increase the department's 2016 fire training funds from $5,000 to $20,000 in order for the department to participate in utilizing West County Fire and EMS (or other approved) training sites in meeting I.S.O. training standards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lund and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund; Alderman Gmelich abstained.*

Having no other items of announcements/discussions, Commissioner Ashcraft motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Lund and unanimously carried with aye votes from Commissioners Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund, and Alderman Gmelich. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED BY:_____

Gerald E. Lund, Commissioner

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