



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
March 15, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of March 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner ChairLarry Beermann
CommissionerRobert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....Matt McGrath
Alderman.....Sean Concagh
Chief.....Eric Hall
Captain.....Sean Quinn
Captain.....Dale Fiala
Support Lieutenant.....Vicki Severs
Administrative Asst.....Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Commissioner Zimmerman absent with excuse.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020, meeting. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021, meeting. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh stated that Parks and Recreation Director Brian Schaffer resigned to take a position with St. Louis County Parks Department.

Alderman Concagh stated that the Board of Alderman approved the Chipotle project at the former Noodles and Company site on Manchester Rd. He stated this location will have a pick-up, drive-thru window.

BUDGET

2021 Budget Update

Chief Hall stated that the 2021 budget is on schedule. He stated that overtime was slightly over due to personnel coverage in the beginning of the year. He stated the department had multiple employees out either on sick leave, on-duty injury, and also coverage for military leave. He concluded that the Professional Services account is over by \$4,952.99 (or 3.10%) and this is the payment to the West County Fire Protection district for the annexed areas near Barrett Station Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

New Hire Update

Chief Hall stated that new hire PSO Clinton Cashen recently graduated the St. Louis County Fire Academy and completed Emergency Medical Training (EMT) and is now fully trained. He added that PSO Cashen has completed field training and is now working solely with his partner, PSO Ringeisen at West County Center. He added PO Robert Rourke is continuing his field training. Chief Hall concluded that he has heard many positive comments regarding both of the new hires.

New Schedule Update

Chief Hall stated that the department is now in its second 28 day cycle of the new 48-96 schedule. He presented the commission with a staffing analysis to show the increase in day to day staffing. Chief Hall pointed to two 48 cycles (March 5 & 6 and March 11 & 12) where the department had 11 working on shift for the time in the department's history. Chief Hall added that the department has been able to drastically reduce the time an officer has to be re-assigned during the patrol shift to assist with the Fire & EMS staffing. He concluded that overall the new schedule is going well and that he continues to hear positive reviews from staff.

Update – transition to Kirkwood for Dispatch Services

Chief Hall stated the April 1, 2021 will be when dispatch will transfer over to Kirkwood. He stated that today (March 15) members of the command staff attended a follow-up meeting at Kirkwood and went over any final questions to assure our procedures are updated before the transition. Chief Hall then

reviewed that two (2) current dispatchers were hired by Kirkwood, one (1) is in the process at St. Louis County, and one (1) recently resigned to accept employment with Boone County Communications Center.

Lt. Severs advised that our communications center operations touches nearly half of our policies which need to be revised due to the transition to Kirkwood.

Capt. Quinn added the department is in the process of purchasing monitors so Kirkwood can both view our station security camera's but also monitor our body camera system in the event of an officer down alarm or other emergency.

DISCUSSION

Review of Initial 2020 Crime Summary Draft

Chief Hall presented the commission an overview of the crime summary from 2020. He stated that overall violent crime has been down in the city. He added however, that in 2020, most likely due to the pandemic overall calls for service were down but property crimes like burglaries and auto thefts are up.

Department Update from Command Staff

Captain Fiala presented the commission an overview of calls for service for February in comparison to the last (5) years. Captain Fiala added that overall COVID related calls for service are down but expects the department to have an increase (in calls) with warmer weather and the increase in COVID vaccine's available to the general public.

Captain Fiala stated that a committee has been formed to discuss the purchase of the new ambulance in 2022. Captain Fiala added that the department is currently reviewing the time lines to coincide with receiving the ambulance in 2022.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

ATTEST:

Mónica Llorián, Admin Asst.
