



Des Peres Public Safety Department
1000 N. Ballas Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
June 21, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 21st day of June 2021 in the roll call room of the Public Safety building for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present:

Commissioner Chair	Larry Beermann
Commissioner	Robert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....	Caitie Zimmerman
Commissioner.....	Matt McGrath
Alderman.....	Sean Concagh
Chief.....	Eric Hall
Captain.....	Sean Quinn
Captain.....	Dale Fiala
Support Lieutenant.....	Vicki Severs
Administrative Assistant.....	Monica Llorian

Also in Attendance: Sergeant Blake Simmons and Sergeant Robert Evans

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorian commenced with the roll call. The entire commission was present.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concaugh stated that the owners of a property known as Jansen Farms at the corner of Barrett Station Road and Doughty Ferry Road contacted the City to see if Des Peres would be interested in purchasing the property. Alderman Concaugh stated the property butts up to Sugar Creek Park and that the City is looking into possible use and getting an appraisal.

Chief Hall thanked Alderman Concaugh and the Board of Alderman for their support in passing the wage increases.

BUDGET

2021 Budget Update

Chief Hall stated that the department is on par with the projected budget which is currently 52%. Chief Hall stated that he will be meeting with City Administrator Harms next week to go over the mid-year overtime rate. He concluded that next meet he will be sending out 2022 expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

New Hire Update

Chief Hall stated that the department has a new hire; PO Erik Mattson. He stated that PO Mattson will start July 6th and training with a field officer. Chief Hall concluded that the department will be placing an ad for new recruits for the department to review for potential future gaps in manpower.

New Schedule Update

Chief Hall stated that the department is on its sixth cycle of the new schedule. He presented the commission how the department is tracking overtime to document what is the overtime being used; for staffing or schooling and training,

Update – Transition to Kirkwood for Dispatch Services

Chief Hall stated that the department is working with Kirkwood on some issues when answering the radio. He stated that some calls are not getting answered. Chief Hall stated that they are reviewing tapes.

Commissioner Beermann asked if there is not a designated person to answer Des Peres calls. Chief Hall stated that Des Peres has requested one. Chief Hall added that Kirkwood is training new hires. Lt Simmons added that majority of the miss calls is when routine passing out information.

Chief Hall concluded that Kirkwood plans to replace its slower CAD system with one that more like our departments.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ashcraft asked if the City should participate in Des Peres Night Out as in recent years the turnout has been so low with some neighborhoods not being in attendance after committing. Chief Hall stated that he would contact other departments to see what they do.

Chief Hall stated that he reviewing the proposal for a consolidated fire district that was initially submitted by Better Together. He stated that the Better Together outlined proposal is a lot more expensive that the current service the city provides.

Chief Hall presented the shifts with the departments 5-10 years' goals. He stated that each shift would be meeting independently from the command staff to review and make any recommendations.

Chief Hall stated that he will be providing crime statistics in the weekly reports.

Chief Hall praised Lt. Severs on the work she did for the CALEA assessment. He stated the department passed its assessment with no need to make modifications.


Chief Hall showed a dash cam video of a recent fugitive arrest performed by Sgt. Evans that occurred in Des Peres on I-270. Sgt. Evans explained how he spotted the vehicle and how he called for additional back-up. Sgt. Evans stated that vehicle and suspects matched those wanted in a road rage shooting on I-55 in Pevely. Sgt. Evans explained the protocol and procedures to make the arrest. Sgt. Simmons concluded that Sgt. Evans remained calm during the entire event as it is taught in the police academy.

Capt. Fiala stated that he is working on going out for bids on the new ambulance. He concluded that the new ESO report writing software will be installed soon.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:


Eric Hall, Director of Public Safety.

ATTEST:



Matthew McGrath, Commissioner