



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
September 20, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of September 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner Chair Larry Beermann
Commissioner Robert Ashcraft
Commissioner Caitie Zimmerman
Alderman Sean Concagh
Chief Eric Hall
Support Lieutenant Vicki Severs
Administrative Assistant Monica Llorian

Not Present: Commissioner Matt McGrath
Captain Dale Fiala
Captain Sean Quinn

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorian commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Commissioner McGrath, Captain Fiala and Captain Quinn was absent with excuse.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Ashcraft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concaugh stated that city is currently working on the budget for 2022. He stated that the city was awarded \$1.7 million from the American Rescue Plan. He added that the city is determining on what the funds can be used for. He concluded Shake Shack restaurant will be moving into the old Hunan Star location.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated that the department budget is proceeding well. He stated that overtime, professional services building maintenance, and communications are still hurting in the budget. He explained why some of the accounts are off budget. He thanked the command staff for filling in vacancies to reduce overtime. He stated requested a mid-year budget adjustment on some accounts. He concluded that he has requested increase in a few expenses for the 2022 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring Process Update

Chief Hall stated that the department sent offers of employment to four (4) candidates. He stated these four are currently having psychological testing done. He added that there are three (3) other candidates on a waiting list for future openings. He concludes by stating the department staff did a lot of assisting in recruiting these candidates.

DISCUSSION

Department Update from Command Staff

Chief Hall presented the commission crime statistics since the beginning of the year. He stated that robbery, burglary and larceny are down from 2020. He stated that vehicle accidents and fatalities are up from 2020, most likely due to the shutdown. He concludes that some neighborhoods have request patrolling due to speeding.

Chief Hall presented the commission a memo with a breakdown of Fire and EMS calls.

Chief Hall stated that the new ambulance has been ordered. He stated that the department received only two (2) bids for the new ambulance. He stated the last time the department ordered an ambulance was in 2012 and many of the vendors that submitted bids in 2012 are no longer in the ambulance business.

Des Peres Night Out

Chief Hall suggested that Des Peres Night Out be postpone to early Spring 2022 since COVID-19 cases have spiked up. Commissioner Ashcraft stated he sides with postponing Des Peres Night Out event to spring. Alderman Concaugh also recommended that the event be put off until 2022.

License Plate Reader Cameras

Chief Hall stated that the license plate readers cameras have been ordered and are waiting for installation. He concluded that once the camera are installed there would be training for the staff.

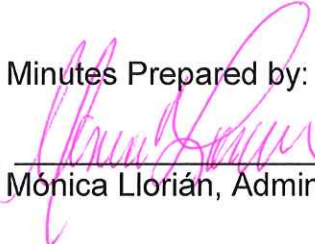
Chief Hall presented the commission with a memo detailing the possible introduction of a K9 unit for the department. He stated the K9 unit would be a gun detection unit patrolling the mall. He stated that he has received a number of offers of donation for the unit as well as officers interested in being the K9 handler. He added that the k9 unit would be a 5-8 commitment for the individual. He concluded by asking the commission to read the outline of proposal and provide him any feedback.

Commissioner Ashcraft requested that the daily desk book be formatted the same by all shifts. Chief Hall stated that he will look into that.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:


Mónica Llorián, Administrative Asst.

ATTEST