

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT WERE:** City Councilors, Steve Hitchcock (Chair) Bill DiMarco and Randy Nelson; Interim City Administrator Jason Knope, Chief of Police Mark Chase

**ABSENT:** NONE

**I. OPEN MEETING AND REVIEW AGENDA**

Chair Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes discussed but not approved.

**Consensus:**

**III. BUDGET REVIEW**

Interim City Administrator Jason Knope discussed the restructuring for Police Patrol Sergeants. 5% was discussed as the incentive for a Sergeant. Chief Chase advised that if a top step Patrol Officer works more than 10 hours of overtime in a month that they will make more than the Sergeant.

For the vehicle replacement fund are the appropriate reserves being set aside? It is unclear what the ongoing plan is and thus what funds may be needed each year. Discussion was made that the amounts put in each year should build up for when a vehicle needs to be replaced. Chief Chase advised if a new vehicle could be acquired each year it would keep the fleet current. Councilor DiMarco brought up that it would be nice to have a vehicle replacement plan in place.

Capital Expenditure plan PD05 has changed from the original concept, upon a re-audit of equipment. Chief Chase gave clarification of what is required and what is wanted.

The history and process for items being placed on the budget for the Capital Expenditure was discussed.

Page 2 of the police budget under notes, line 457,459,462 moves to internal service funds.

**Consensus:** Discussion only.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor DiMarco asked about where the police department is on the hiring process as well as how we can hire people who live in or close to town for faster emergency response. Chief Chase responded that you get into a court issue if you make such requirements or restrictions. Chief Chase responded that we use neighboring agencies for cover. Perhaps our City and County Insurance should be consulted to see what is enforceable. Councilor DiMarco suggested instead of something enforceable maybe an incentive program. Chief Chase responded that if Police Officers live in town they get to take a patrol car home for fast responses and as an incentive.

Appointment of Co-Chair, Councilor DiMarco was nominated and seconded.

Assessment of the department from Chief Pryde was addressed. The prospective that came out of the report is to pursue community policing. The report has nothing to do with other matters at the police department. Chief Chase asked for clearer direction for city ordinance violations and enforcement.

Chief Chase advised contract negotiations have started.

**Consensus:** Advisory only.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brandy Smyth