

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, May 5, 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; 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 by committee members.

Consensus: Reviewed and approved.

III. LRIG CONTRACT

Chief Chase spoke about when Jim Marks (manager of LRIG) came and spoke to the group about radios and LRIG. This contract is to use the LRIG system in emergency situations only. Currently Junction City Police does have access to have emergency communications on some of their channels; such as Lane County Sheriff channel for officer safety. The Junction City Police Department has temporarily been using this for \$10 per radio per month until June 30, 2015. Rates for emergency cash users have yet to be determined for the dates past June 30, 2015.

Councilor DiMarco asked about the master switch and what is needed. Chief Chase advised that the master switch fees have been waived during this trial period.

Chief Chase is requesting to move to City Council for consideration a temporary contract which extends the trial period through the end of 2015 at the rate of \$10 per radio per month between Junction City Police and LRIG.

Consensus: Moved to City Council for consideration.

IV. PENDING ISSUES

City Ordinance Enforcement

Chair Hitchcock asked about City Ordinances. Chief Chase gave some examples of City Ordinance Violations and advised the issue is if the City Council would like enforcement action taken from anonymous complaints. Chief Chase is looking for clarification on what ordinances the City Council would like enforced. Council DiMarco said he feels that consistency is best and that officers do not get second guess on their decisions based upon policy. Chief Chase it has been about getting residence into compliance with the city code and that they are talked to and given time to remedy the situation before a ticket is issued.

Community Policy Policing

Chief Chase asked what format the City Council would like a review done on the Chief Pryde report. The committee members said they would like a complete review and presentation instead of by section.

Coburg Contract Methodology

Chief Chase advised that Mike Crocker is working on that but it has been put to the side during the budget time. Petra with Coburg is interested in getting this information before next year's contract renewal date.

Consensus: Advisory only.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Jon Edwards of Les Schwab asked City Council about an incident that happened at their business today. When he called for service he was told there was not an officer available and he was concerned that no one was protecting the members of the city. He asked about staffing levels, who responds to calls, who is back up, why city council and committee members are not discussing hiring of officers, how many officers we are down and he asked what is being done to fix it.

Crystal Spangler asked about the process for getting a law reinstated in regards to lying to a police officer and filing a false report. Committee members advised that it was not ever a law in Junction City. She then asked how to change it so that it is

a law. Committee members advised her to go on line and fill out a form. Chief Chase said he would be happy to facilitate Crystal filling out the form. She further asked if this was a waste of time because she is feeling that way right now. The process was explained and it was acknowledged that it is a slow process.

Renee, a community member, asked if there was an ordinance that it is against the law to lie to a police officer. Council DiMarco advised that a few years ago the council decided that a city ordinance against lying to a police officer was decided against for the community.

Jack Sumner asked why the problems in the police department have not been made public as to what happened. Council Nelson advised it has been made public. The Register Guard was given documents under a court order. Jack observed that a lot of money was spent and the public does not know why. Jack then asked about the police department swat team. He said he does not believe time, training or money should be sent on swat stuff.

Councilor DiMarco asked about body cameras. Chief Chase advised that officers are currently using demo body cameras to see what they like best and if they will be implemented. There are grant opportunities available out there. Budget wise a current system with server would be around \$10,000.

Consensus: Advisory only.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Smyth