

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: City Councilors, Steve Hitchcock (Chair) Bill DiMarco and Randy Nelson; City Administrator Jason Knope, Interim Chief Ken Summers, Mayor Michael Cahill

1. Call to Order

Chair Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Change to the agenda, this item will be skipped this evening.

3. LRIG Contract

Communications Officer Jason Smith spoke about why he believes LRIG is important to keep. Reasons to keep LRIG are officer safety, the ability to speak with officers from other agencies on the radio and a reduction in time delays during in progress calls for service.

Interim Chief Summers added that it would cost \$14,000 for full implementation of the LRIG system but that there is a 120 day severance option if needed. He advised that the department would be able to maintain the current radio system; LRIG would create a redundancy for the radio system, and the ability to continue to talk with other agencies would remain and that often interoperability is of importance when applying for federal grants. Interim Chief Summers introduced David Kemp and Jim Marks from Lane County; they work on the LRIG system and were in the audience available for questions.

City Administer Knope added that there is not a concern for long term costs since the contract is for one year at a time. In addition, there are no hidden costs, the current equipment will work and the fee is doable within the existing budget.

Chair Hitchcock asked about the need for technology progression. Jim Marks replied that of course technology has to have an investment to remain updated. LRIG has a contract with Motorola through the year 2023 to include patches and upgrades. Since Junction City would be considered a customer, not a partner, we would be paying a monthly rental not the big investment for all that the Motorola contract includes.

Councilor DiMarco bought up discussions on Coburg and their capabilities and asked about encryption. David Kemp responded that Coburg should not be affected that they can continue as they are. Kemp also advised that Junction City Police has 3 channels and it is up to the departments discretion if and where to utilize encryption.

CONSENSUS: Sent to City Council for contract discussion and approval

4. Springfield Police Jail Contract

City Administrator Knope advised that this is a contract renewal for reserved beds at Springfield Municipal Jail. The only change is the expiration date of the contract which renews it for three years. Chair Hitchcock asked if there is a difference between Springfield

Municipal Jail and Lane Count Adult Corrections Facility. City Administrator Knope advised that Springfield Municipal Jail offers all the services needed at a cheaper rate.

CONSENSUS: Sent to City council for contract discussion and approval

5. **Vehicle Replacement Plan**

City Administrator Knope advised that the vehicle replacement plan has been discussed for over a year. The five options provided to the committee have been reevaluated in an attempt to be fiscally responsible. One change is to reduce the fleet from 13 to 10 vehicles. City Administrator Knope and Interim Chief Summers presented the five options that were placed in the order of preference. Interim Chief Summers voiced concern about used vehicles having varying quality, varying availability and the difficulty to standardize the fleet for parts and maintenance. City Administrator Knope asked the committee if there are any options that can be dropped so that effort can be focused on the good options.

Option 1 states that half of the fleet is to be replaced every 5 years. Option 2 states that new vehicles will be purchased to replace vehicles over 120,000 miles. Option 3 states that used vehicles will be purchased to replace vehicles 120,000 miles with a contingency to be able to purchase a new vehicle if a used one is not available.

CONSENSUS: To concentrate on options 1, 2 and 3 and drop options 4 and 5.

6. **Coburg Contract**

City Administrator Knope advised that this is a contract renewal. Added to this contract is an agreement to notify Coburg 12 months in advance for any needed upgrades. Discussions with Coburg went smoothly and the fee for the contract was presented as a percentage of what dispatch costs calculated from Coburg's call load. Coburg's City Council reviewed and approved the contract.

A user group is being assembled consisting of Junction City Police Dispatch, Junction City Fire and Coburg Police to discuss any dispatching issues.

CONSENSUS: Sent to City council for contract discussion and approval

7. **Proposed Panhandling City Ordinance**

Interim Chief Summers spoke about complaints into the police department in regards to panhandlers in the city. Currently, there is no tool for officers to use to deal with this issue. Discussion was making sure the proposed ordinance did not impede free speech and to allow for fund raising events to be considered. The proposed ordinance does not impede free speech and does allow for an application and permit process for fund raising events.

CONSENSUS: Sent for legal review then to City council for discussion and approval

8. **Chief of Police Recruitment Process**

City Administrator Knope advised that there is not much city history for a Chief of Police recruitment process. He felt it important to review the job description, timelines and appropriate steps to the upcoming process.

CONSENSUS: Sent to City council work session

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Smyth