

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Sergeant Markell, Sergeant Miller

ABSENT: Mark J. Chase, Chief of Police

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. HIRING OF 10TH OFFICER

Sergeant Miller spoke about the process for hiring a Patrol Officer. Sergeant Miller advised that the Police Department had hired Jeff Hughes from Lincoln County Sheriff's Department whom has vast experience and years of experience. He will be starting on August 29, 2015.

Consensus: Advisory Only

IV. QHUT

City Administrator Knope spoke about the condition of the Qhut. There have been some minor repairs to keep the rain out. However, there is mold growing inside and there is an overwhelming amount of work that would need to be done to address all the issues with the building. City Administrator Knope believes that the best thing to do would be to demolish the building. There are options to build another building at the North end of Elm Street by Public Works. Size wise a 30x60 would work for all the key elements needed for the building and it could be a pre fabed building which would cost \$24,000 for the kit that does not include labor or site preparation. There is now an internal services division that would be monitoring the new building for building maintenance. This building would be used for evidence, police storage and fleet parking. This location was chosen because

the city owns this land, it's close to public works and it could be used for a different purpose later on if needed. City Administrator Knope asked if the Public Safety Committee would like additional information.

Consensus: Committee asked for additional information such as a total cost.

V. Springfield Jail Contract

Sergeant Markell spoke about the contract with the Springfield Jail. The new rates are \$80 per day. The reason male inmates would be taken to Springfield Jail is if Junction City Jail is at capacity or if the inmate requires special or medical attention.

Consensus: Approved by the Committee to present at City Council for approval.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Sergeant Miller spoke on behalf of the Junction City Reserve Officers. The Reserves have asked if they can work with the Lane County Sheriff Department for the University of Oregon home games, they would be paid for their services. The Reserve Officers are all volunteers so it would not take away from patrol shifts. The Public Safety Committee said it can be pursued.

Crystal Spangler asked about her concerns from last Public Safety Committee. She asked if the city ordinance can be changed. She was advised from Chair Hitchcock that it is pending and will be address the first part of August. Sergeant Miller advised the investigation against the employee that she filed is moving forward.

Jack Sumner asked about the status of the body cameras for the police department. He was advised by Chair Hitchcock that this is on the pending list and that options are being looked at from a variety of vendors. The city is also checking the legal end of this for the city.

Pear Loop and Chapel Creek Properties was discussed. They no longer have an on-site manager. There is some concern about the lack of activities for juveniles to do.

Consensus: Advisory only.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Smyth