

The Public Safety Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT WERE:** Chair, Steven Hitchcock; Councilor Randy Nelson; and Chief of Police, Mark J. Chase.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee consensus was to approve the July 7, 2015 and August 4, 2015 minutes.

**3. CITY CODE ON FALSE INFORMATION TO A POLICE OFFICER**

Chief Chase was asked by a citizen, Cristal Spangler, to place this on the agenda. She had requested that the City Council adopt a city code making it a crime to give false information to a Police Officer. Chief Chase had provided the ORS statutes that exist in Oregon, which covers false accusations. He had proposed for the Committee to either grant or deny the request to make this a law.

The Committee's consensus was to send this to the council for review.

**4. POLICE BODY CAMERAS**

Sergeant Markell informed the Committee about their request for a stand alone body camera system. It was for eleven cameras; one per Officer. They would be stored on a dock where they would be charged, the Officers would pull them off at the beginning of their shift and return them to the dock at the end of their shift; where the camera would download the videos stored. The storage for the videos would be on a different system as the current one, so it wouldn't slow it down. The quote was \$30,689.99 but CIS offered assistance, so with a \$7500 risk fund and another \$1000 grant that they offer, it would bring the cost down potentially \$8500.

The Committee's consensus was to send to council.

**5. AGENDA FORECASTER REVIEW**

**Current Business Items**

- Codes for giving false information to a Police Officer – This had already been discussed earlier in the meeting and would be moved to Council.
- QHut replacement – Chief Chase stated that this was still in progress. Administrator Knope had been working on some of the items to be brought back to the Committee.
- Body Camera – This had already been discussed earlier in the meeting and would be moved to Council.

**Current Projects**

- Enforcement of a Code – Chief Chase questioned how the Public Safety Committee and the Council wanted protocol for when a person calls anonymously about a code violation. He stated that he felt it was one of the responsibilities of the Police Department to enforce the

codes to prohibit criminal activity. His understanding was that they would continue to enforce the city codes as people call in, whether they were anonymous or not.

- Coburg Dispatch Billing Methodology – This was requested by the Coburg City Administrator. Chief Chase stated that he would bring to the Committee an analysis of the billing methodology that had been used in the past and then would forward that on to the Coburg City Administrator.

**Future Business Items**

- Vehicle Replacement Plan – Chief Chase suggested some written protocol and policy in writing as to what the Public Safety Committee recommended for vehicle replacement. Whether they wait for a vehicle to have 100,000 miles or until it quits working.
- Calendar – Chief Chase noted that the calendar had been updated to reflect the September, October, November, and December meetings as the third Tuesday of the month with packets available to the Council the Friday before the meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Mustoe inquired as to the City Ordinance regarding taxi cabs. He owns a Cab Company and would like to operate in Junction City. The current ordinance was from 1938 and states that; you have to have proof of insurance on the cars and you have to have proof that you own the vehicle, and at that point the City would allow a permit for that vehicle.

The Committee agreed that this was more of a business licensing process so should be referred to City Recorder Kitty Vodrup and City Planner Jordan Cogburn.

Citizen Ron Gates requested that a stop sign be put when exiting Hwy 99W into Safeway. There are drivers who don't stop there and he was afraid an accident would occur.

Chief Chase stated that he had received other complaints as well but it was not in the City's authority or jurisdiction. They could; however, install or request a stop sign be placed there.

Jack Sumner made an official request for an inventory that was received back in 2011 in the Department of Defense Disposal System.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Moore  
Admin Aide/Receptionist