

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, in City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: City Councilors, Rob Stott (Chair), Jack Sumner; Police Chief, Bob Morris;

ABSENT: Councilor Kara McDaniel

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chief Morris requested to added discussion about a no conflict of interest with the attorney for the potential merging of the Monroe Municipal Court into the Junction City municipal courts.

Consensus: Consensus of the Committee was to hold the discussion immediately.

Chief Morris explained that all fines collected for tickets issued by the Junction City Police Department in the City of Monroe went to the Monroe Municipal Court. The Monroe Municipal Court did not deal with criminal citations, those were processed through Benton County.

If the discussion were to progress, a statement of no conflict of interest would be needed as both the City of Monroe and the City of Junction City were represented by Speer Hoyt as the contracted city attorney.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Consensus: By the consensus of the Public Safety Committee, the April 18, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

4. SPRINGFIELD JAIL CONTRACT

Chief Morris stated a copy of the contract was included in the meeting packet. The only change had been a \$10.00 per night, per bed increase.

Councilor Sumner asked if needed, would additional beds be made available.

Chief Morris answered that the Springfield Police and jail had been very congenial. They had guidelines on people they would not accept at the Springfield jail such as defendants prior to adjudication.

Consensus: Consensus of the Committee was to forward the contract to the Council.

There had been increased cooperation between the Junction City Police Department, and various other agencies. Examples included the use of the Junction City Police Department shooting range by other agencies, and the loan of Junction City Police Department Staff to the University of Oregon Police Department to assist with an investigation.

There was a great deal of assistance/cooperation from other agencies during the high school graduation ceremony.

There had also been assistance provided by outside agencies when the schools opened again after a threat to the schools had been received. The police presence was requested by the school superintendent, Kathleen Rodden-Nord. Social media response had been supportive of the police presence that day.

5. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Chief Morris was an existing nationwide project. The intent of the program was to bring community members and law enforcement together to help with neighborhood watch activities, and crime prevention activities. The event would be held nationally on the first Tuesday of August. Locally, the event would be held from 5pm to 9 or 10pm.

The Junction City Police Department would partner with several law enforcement agencies such as the University of Oregon Police Department. In addition, social service organizations such as Ophelia's Place would also be represented.

The Police Department was also looking at re-introducing the Section meetings. The name would probably be changed, and other City Departments would be invited to participate.

6. COMMUNITY BASED INCENTIVE UPDATE

Chief Morris stated the program was also known as Community Policing. He noted that some of the components of the program the Junction City Police Department was already doing. The intent was to build a cadre of services that the City would not be able to provide on its own.

The former S-Cop program was invaluable. The Police Department currently had three very dedicated volunteers who provided very specialized services. A videographer was creating a video that could be used both on the Police Department page of the City Website and as a recruitment tool.

As the infrastructure was built to support programs, the plan was to re-establish the S-Cops, probably under a different name, and Reserves.

Councilor Stott asked how the remodel of the Police Department was progressing.

Chief Morris responded they were waiting for the new Junction City Building Inspector to be fully on board which was anticipated to be within the next 30 days. The Building Inspector had taken a preliminary look at the plans and found them to be in order. Design work was completed.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee would be Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tere Andrews, Secretary