

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT WERE:** City Councilors, Rob Stott (Chair), Bill DiMarco and Andrea Ceniga, Chief Bob Morris, Sergeant Eric Markell

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Chief Morris requested Agenda Item 6 be addressed first since there was a guest from another agency.

See Agenda Item 6 for details.

**3. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CONTRACT UPDATE**

Chief Morris advised that Chief Carmichael forwarded a copy of the contract but there was verbiage that needed to be changed. Once it is changed it will be forwarded to legal review and then to council for review.

**4. UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE REVIEW**

Sergeant Markell advised the department continues to receive complaints from citizens. The ordinance regarding RV parking of no more than five days per calendar quarter needed be revised. It was also discussed that the parking ordinances referencing the 72-hour rule also need to have the language cleaned up as they are repetitive.

Sergeant Markell gave examples of several other local cities and what their ordinance language consists of.

Councilor Ceniga requested that inoperable vehicles and expired tags be added to the ordinance to help address the abandoned vehicles.

Councilor Stott requested that the storing of trash in trailers be added to the ordinance.

The committee recommended staff draft updated ordinances and bring them back to the committee.

**5. PORTABLE RADIO PURCHASE**

Chief Morris advised that the department's current radios are past end of life and are not tri-band radios which are the standard. The current radios do not allow for interoperability which is required. The Capital Expenditure Plan has \$32,000 for radio replacement and the current price is approximately \$6,000 per radio. The department would purchase at least five radios and hopefully a couple more depending on the price.

Chief Morris requested approval to obtain price quotes to bring to the council.

**6. UPDATE ON MISC. INITIATIVES**

Chief Morris advised that the department has been trying to build and strengthen relationships with outside agencies. One of the agencies that is critical is Department of Humans Services – Child Welfare. Over the past year we have been able to develop a good working relationship with DHS and Casey Callendor requested to speak at the meeting.

Casey stated that she has worked for the agency for eleven years. She has had the opportunity to work all the agencies in Lane County as well as Junction City Police. She said five years ago the agency did not look forward to working a case with JCPD as the officers would not collaborate with them or call them. She explained that there was a difference between a criminal interview and an interview that she conducts and there were cases that they could not complete a good investigation because of how the department handled the case. She said that is not the case any longer and the department is being more preventative than curative. She also stated the department is tough on crime at the same time as educating and doing community outreach. She described three incidents that reinforced that officers are getting to know the community. She stated that she supports what the department stands for.

Chief Morris advised the department has been working with the Union Pacific Railroad Police on trespassing and grade crossing safety. He advised the department was able to save another individual who was nearly struck by a train. He stated UPRP has given the department three to four hundred man-hours of staff to help us.

Another relationship is with Homeland Security who have provided over one hundred hours of assistance. Those hours included the use of an explosives K9 and with special events.

Another is the ATF who has an agent that has assisted the department on numerous cases. Chief Morris referenced a case where the agent helped get the suspect federal time after Lane County released the subject.

Chief Morris also advised that Lane County Parole and Probation have an office across the street and assisted us with sweeps and the Scandinavian Festival.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Markell