

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 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, Administrator Jason Knope

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No Changes

3. U OF O CONTRACT

Chief Morris stated that the U of O contract in the packet should be a final copy and if the Council is ok with this contract Chief Morris would like to send it to City Council.

Councilor Ceniga asked for clarification on when U of O pays the contract and how U of O will pay once the contract is finalized.

Chief Morris informed that right now U of O is paying monthly but once the contract is finalized, he is not sure yet.

Chair Scott then stated that this will be taken to Council.

4. RESERVE PROGRAM UPDATE

Chief Morris stated this is for information because there might have been some confusion on this. Chief Morris stated that in October of 2018 letters were sent to the former Reserves stating that the program was being restarted and based on conditions they were able to participate, different people had different conditions some of the members of the program had been though background some had not, some members had been psyched and some had not. None of the people in the program took advantage of that and since then we have been actively recruiting but not finding people who are qualified or pass all hiring requirements.

Chief Morris stated that as of now the department does have one Reserve, Dispatcher Tyler Marler and the department is actively looking for more.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET

Chief Morris stated that in the packet is a copy of the most recent graph of the years budget and there is little change from previous years, some money was shifted from direct personal to overtime and the other numbers are pretty much static.

Chief Morris also stated that there are some increases in the shared services and administrative costs, like vehicle maintenance. Chief Morris stated these increases are

based on the allocation of the calculations from City Administrator Knope. Overall it the budget is pretty much in the same neighborhood as it was last year.

City Administrator Knope stated that the Department is anticipating a higher beginning fund balance than they did a year ago, going into the year it was thought that the Department was going to have a negative fund balance. After audit the Department came in a little bit positive and with the way the fiscal year is shaping up the Department is going to be better off. Instead of negative the Department is anticipated to have a positive of about \$99,000 compared to a negative \$20,000. This is still a way off from the minimum fund balance, which is in the 400k range, but the department is making a lot better stride toward that than Administrator Knope thought.

Administrator Knope went on to point out that overall the Departments budget is a balanced budget and anticipation starting the year with \$99,000 and anticipating ending the year with \$99,400. Administrator Knope mentioned that one thing that slipped through last year's budget process is that there is no longer an in-house mechanic and substituted that with having a full time IT person. The allocation changes in the Department's administrative charges, IT service charges and vehicle service charges will reflect that change in the budget, the overall net total is the same, but these were shifted.

Councilor Cinega asked about the contracted jail space, for \$17,000 asking if that was for Springfield Jail.

Chief Morris confirmed it is which is a per night charge of \$90 a night. Chief Morris explained there are some people that can not be held in the Junction City Jail because of medical or mental conditions or violent behavior. The alternatives are to not sentence them or to put them in a facility that is staffed, designed and equipped to deal with those individuals.

6. AGENDA FORECASTER REVIEW

Chief Morris stated everything on here remains consistent.

Councilor Ceniga asked about the code enforcement topic.

Chief Morris stated Gary is going to work on the Public Works side and Chief on his, that is was supposed to be discussed at the work session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Deckard