

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Junction City met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in a virtual meeting format, via internet and phone.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No Changes to the Agenda

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved.

4. SURPLUS VEHICLES

Chief Morris states the intention is to surplus the ambulance that has been seldomly used. This vehicle is only sometimes at the rage. Chief Morris advises the bus is going to replace that vehicle in a number of ways. He also explains that the ambulance is a 1991 and has battery issues. Chief Morris states he would like this to go to the next council meeting.

Councilor Ceniga asks if this is the only vehicle to go to surplus.

Chief Morris stated that this is the last vehicle to go and all the other older vehicle have been sold at auction or though public works.

5. CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Chief Morris explains that this was a typo and had gotten carried over from the previous agenda.

6. RESERVE PROGRAM UPDATE

Chief Morris states that 2 people are in the process of background for the Reserve Program and some progress is being made. He also states that Tyler Marler is serving as a reserve and the program should be moving forward.

7. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Chief Morris states that the police department is well stocked in PPE, there was a good supply of PPE acquired from early on. Chief Morris advises that with the procedures in place the Police Department has been able to protect its people well.

Chief Morris updates that there have been some calls about people playing in parks. He also states that the uptick in domestic calls has seemed to calm down. Chief Morris states with

things opening up, traffic has picked up and even though traffic enforcement hasn't stopped the number of traffic stops is increasing due to more traffic.

Councilor Ceniga questioned if the department is set if there is another round of Covid-19.

Chief Morris states that the department has a great stock of PPE and a very strict inventory control with a dispatcher acting as a logistics officer from an emergency management ICS standpoint. When things are depleted, she reaches out to vendors to fill the needs of the police department.

Councilor DiMarco also voiced concern about the amount of PPE with school starting in the Fall and having the police department be set up incase another department might need some PPE

Chief Morris states that the police department has already given some masks to the fire department and he feels the police department is very well stocked.

Councilor DiMarco advised that despite the budget concerns he believes that it is important to have a stockpile of PPE.

Councilor Ceniga agreed with Councilor DiMarco.

8. AGENDA FORCASTER REVIEW

Chief Morris states that there are no changes to this from other meetings.

Councilor Ceniga talks about the space residency and wondering if it should be taken off the forecaster review.

Chief Morris states that he doesn't think it was put on there with the intent to build a place to live but was more of an idea to incentivize people to want to move into the city.

Councilor Ceniga stated she thought it was more like a residency hall like the fire department has.

Chief Morris states he didn't recall it being for that.

Chair Stott stated he believes this was to talk about incentives to get officers to move to the city, and that it should be left on the forecaster and it will be dealt with when the time is right.

Councilor DiMarco states that requirement for people to move to here after being hired, is considered impossible and therefor this would fall to incentives.

Chair Stott thought part of the idea was for of a shower and a bed incase someone must stay over.

Councilor DiMarco stated that many folks think city staff and police should live in the city.

Chair Stott stated he thinks that this should be left on the forecaster and spoke to at another time.

Chair DiMarco stated that when he saw code enforcement on the agenda this is something he would like to talk about, wondering if it is all going to public works and questioning about what department is carrying this forward. DiMarco states that nuisance, code enforcement and parking issues are something he would like to discuss and wondering what the PSC part in this should be.

Chief Morris stated that the Police Department is also getting complaints. Chief Morris advises there is a residence that could pose a safety risk, and the dangerous building ordinance fits but the fire department doesn't have any citing authority with a residential building. Using the dangerous building ORS will work for this one residential home but revisiting it at a council level could be a good idea.

Chief Morris asks if this should go to next agenda.

Chair Stott stated that is a good idea and the other councilors agree.

Councilor Ceniga states she would like to see health and safety addressed first.

Chief Morris states this will go to the next agenda.

9. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Deckard