Public Safety Committee

Meeting minutes 3/14/23 at 5:00pm

Call to Order 5:00pm by Chair Councilman Hays

Roll Call – Present – Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl

Officials/guests present –Chief Glenn Nicol, Rex Castle, Mayor Patrick Closser, Tom Boyd, Tammy Braskett

Minutes – The minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

Request to review New Business first – Mayor Closser

New business:

- **Recreational Facility Federal Appropriation – Rex Castle**
  - Collaborating with Representative Mike Carey's office to file for the Recreational Facility Federal grant
  - $2.5million for recreation improvements
  - 10% match at $300,000
  - May have donors who can raise a minimum of $200,000
- **Public Safety Facility Federal Appropriation – Chief Nicol**
  - $12million grant to be used at police station
  - Unknown match money amount until application is approved
  - Requesting letters of support from the London City Council to add to application
  - Motion to send request to London City Council
  - Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays
  - Approved by voice vote
- **EPA revolving loan consideration for the Water Department – Rex Castle**
  - Request letters of support from London City Council to apply for EPA revolving loan
  - EPA nominates for loan, deadline of May 1st, 2023
  - Motion to send to London City Council
  - Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl
  - Approved by voice vote
  - Emergency reading requested
- **Support for Local Government through Ohio Municipal League to support train emergency**
  - Motion to send to London City Council for discussion
  - Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl
  - Approved by voice vote
  - Sponsored by Councilman Hays
- **Railway speed limit within city limits – Mayor Closser**
  - ORC states speed limits are set by city
  - West Jefferson speed limit for railway within township is 10mph
  - Used speedometer to check speed of train traveling within city limits was average of 30mph
  - Issuing a speeding ticket for a fine of $5-$50 will need to be taken to small claims court

- Should the city discuss legislation to regulate speed?
- Motion to send to city council for discussion. Legislation to set speed limit for train speed through town to 30mph
- Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl
- Approved by voice vote
- Sponsored by Councilman Hays

Police Chief Report – Chief Nicol

- Continuing our hiring process for open officer positions
- Bryce Bennett is a lateral transfer with a start date of 3/21/2023 filling on of the three open officer positions
- An architectural design estimate for renovation space in building for $4,000. Pending federal grant for facility construction
- The Flock Safety Camera project is underway with an approximate completion in two months. This project will place seven fixed license plate readers throughout the community to assist in crime prevention and investigations.
- Three minor crashes with our vehicles, making a total of five crashes recently. Private vehicle rolling back into a cruiser at a traffic stop, cruiser sideswiped by a deliver truck, and a deer crash. The deer crash accident is the only repair at $4,500.
- Car #15 out of service, waiting on engine replacement for $3,500.
- Car #19 out of service, waiting for completion of a recall on the rear end.
- Working with U.S. Representative Mike Carey's office on the application for Public Safety Facility Federal Appropriation. Seeking $12,000,000
- Motion to accept report – Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hitt, Councilman Hitt to give report
- Approved by voice vote

Fire/EMS Chief Report – Rex Castle

- Departmental EMS Training – Legal Implications in EMS
- Departmental Fire Training – Hose movement ladder placement
- Completed Paramedic refresher course
- Completed hands only CPR for high school students
- Completed CPR classes for Staff at the following:
  - London Health and Rehab
  - Madison Senior Living
  - St. Patrick's early learning center
- Completed Fire Safety presentation at Seton of London
- Completed Hydraulic Rescue Tools preventative maintenance
- Completed physical abilities testing for full-time and part-time candidates
- Completed Lieutenant Assessment center – awaiting results
- Update – wrecked transport vehicle has been picked up for repairs. Waiting for loaner vehicle to be delivered
- 2023 statistic totals:
  - Fire runs – 19%

    - EMS runs – 81%
    - Incidents – 464
    - Days – 69
- Top three dispatched calls
    - EMS incident – 369
    - Public service assistance – 33
    - Dispatched and canceled en route – 12
- Run volume by disposition
    - Transports – 73%
    - Non-transports – 20%
    - Other dispositions – 7%
    - Records – 394
- Top three dispositions
    - Transported no lights/siren – 276
    - Patient refused evaluation/Care (without transport) – 43
    - Patient treated, released (AMA) – 26
- Top hospital transports
    - Madison Health Hospital – 235
    - Doctors Hospital -26
- Motion to accept report – Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl, Councilman Stahl to give report
- Approved by voice vote

Safety Service Director Comments – Rex Castle

- Regulation of storm water installations for new development
- Regulation discharging of sub pump under ground or storm water drain or backyard drains away from neighbors
- Motion to send to council on 3/16 already done

Old business:

- **Feral Cats – Tammy Braskett**
- Ordinance for reimbursement of a $10 application fee, $10 fee for spade/nurtured, $8 flee treatment, and euthanasia (Sunnyside Vet Clinic accepts voucher program)
    - Police department has volunteered to do the billing
    - Motion to send to Council
    - Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hitt
    - Approved by voice vote
    - Sponsored by Councilman Stahl
    - Emergency reading requested
- Ordinance for funding appropriation of $5,000 to purchase traps
    - Motion to send to Council
    - Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hitt
    - Approved by voice vote
    - Sponsored by Councilman Stahl

Public Comment

Tom Boyd

- Question about renting traps through Police Department? Tammy - No. Refund packet available in lobby for the public. Turn in packet to the Auditor's Office when done.
- Question – Will there be fees for sub pump? Rex – no fees
- Question – Will the water line replacement on High Street be included in the loan?
- Question – Mound Street has low water pressure. Is there a reason? Rex – does not have an answer and will look into it.
- Question – When is the deadline for the grant/funding application for the for Public Safety Facility Federal Appropriation? It was 3/15/2023 but received an extension for 3/17/2023.
- Trains – Contacted the VP of engineering to discuss building an over or under pass for vehicle traffic around train tracks
- Historic Downtown Revitalization Committee – When can the group get their $16,000 out of the General Fund? A representative from the group must attend a Finance Committee meeting to discuss access process

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm – Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays

Approved 4/11/23