Public Safety Committee
December 8, 2020

City Hall Conference Room
20 S. Walnut Street

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Minutes

3) Police Chief Report

4) Fire Chief Report

5) Safety Service Director Comments

6) Old Business
    - Discussion regarding allowing chickens to be kept within the city

7) New Business

8) Adjourn

Safety Service Committee

Video Conference

December 9, 2020

Committee members present: Chairman Rich Hays, Andrew Hitt and Carla Blazier
City representatives in attendance: Safety Service Director, Joseph Mosier; Police Chief, Glenn Nicol; Fire/EMS Chief, Todd Eades; City Councilman, Brian Robinson and Executive Assistant, Amy Rees

Mr. Hays called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

No minutes were presented.

Chief Nicol - Report attached.

Chief Eades - Report attached.

Safety Service Director Comments

- Rex Castle has started to come to the office to begin learning his upcoming position as Safety Service Director. His first day will be February 1, 2021.
- The Auditor's Department has installed and is beginning to learn the new software. It will go live on January 1, 2021.
- At last month's meeting, a citizen voiced a concern that construction on Stump Lane has caused too many entrances/exits, causing traffic safety issues. Mr. Mosier explained that the multiple entrances and exits are necessary because the area consists of three different parcels.

Old Business

- The issue of permitting ownership of chickens within the city limits was discussed. The committee amended the current legislation (see attached) and Mrs. Blazier moved to present it to the December 18 City Council meeting for consideration. Mr. Hitt seconded the motion.

The next Safety Service Committee meeting will take place on January 12, 2020 at 6:00pm, location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Rees

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- One applicant was afforded a contingency offer of employment for the patrol officer position. This offer is necessary to move forward with a polygraph examination as well as the medical exam. We would like to start this individual in January.
- SCI - Integrated out of Grove City has completed our interview cameras and software installation.
- Our remaining Dodge cruiser has been out of service with power steering issues for a couple of weeks. The cruiser upfitters advised they would be starting on our new cruiser install later this week. It usually takes 40-50 man hours for the conversion.
- We had to replace a malfunctioning computer unit on the K-9 cruiser that regulates the heat alarm and remote door system. This was completed last week at a cost of nearly $3,000.
- We procured AED's for each cruiser and two for city buildings through CARES Act funding. Additionally, two portable street sign boards were ordered for use on various events and road closures. They will be delivered to the street dept in the near future.
- Det. Frank White has been working with the FCSO Special Investigations Unit on a regular basis and will be handling drug investigations locally as well.
- The mayor's office obtained an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) , aka a drone, for city use. Several officers will join W Jefferson PD units in training with FCSO's drone unit next week. They will also be required to complete an online certification through the FAA

NOTABLE: A recent investigation regarding the theft of new vehicles from a local dealer has evolved into a major investigation involving numerous jurisdictions. Detectives have been working closely with the MCSO, the Madison County Prosecutor's Office as well as BCI crime lab technicians and many other agencies in coordinating the cases and expected prosecutions.

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618.13 KEEPING OF FARM ANIMALS.

(a) No person shall keep any pig, horse, mule, cow, goat, sheep or any member of the equidae family, the bovidae family, or any fowl or poultry(with the exception of chickens as noted in section (b) below), in any pen, yard, lot or other enclosure situated within the City.

(1) Exempted are fully licensed kennels, veterinarians who operate boarding kennels, 4-H and FFA small animal projects for a period of thirty days past termination of the project, or any of the established farms that are still operating within the City of London.

~~(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a nuisance per se and/or a minor misdemeanor. Choice in the process of penalty is to be determined by the Law Director based on the situation at the time of the offense.~~

(b) No person shall own, keep or harbor any chickens without meeting the requirements set forth in the following subsections:

(1) A once every four year permit at the cost of $100 is required and is to be submitted to the City of London Building and Zoning Department with application and drawn plans of the coop and run area prior to acquiring chickens. And, an inspection shall occur by the City of London Building and Zoning Department prior to acquiring chickens to assure all codes are adhered to.

(2) A permit shall be issued for single family residences only.

(3) There shall be a maximum of 6 chickens for lots less than .50 acre and 10 for larger lots .

(4) Free range chickens are not permitted. Chickens must remain in the coop/run area.

(5) Roosters are prohibited.

(6) Chickens shall not be housed in residences, porches, or attached garages. Chickens must be kept in a secure enclosure shielded from the street to which it fronts and shielded from entry by predatory animals by way of a covering. Enclosures or coops shall have a minimum of 1 square foot per chicken.

(7) The sale of eggs is prohibited.

(8) Dead chickens and waste material shall be bagged and disposed of via local trash services. There shall be no piling of waste material at the residence.

(9) Feed shall be stored in rodent proof containers. Owners shall control rodents via trapping on a regular basis.

(10) Chicken coop and run area shall be cleaned regularly to prevent offensive odors, rodents, flies, disease,etc.

(11) No person shall fail to comply with all other sections involving the care and responsibility of animals.

(c) Whoever violates this Section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense; whoever violates this Section for a second or subsequent offense is guilty of a misdemeanor in the fourth degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during on or which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues. In addition, for second or subsequent violations, the Court may order the offender to forfeit the animals.