Public Safety Committee
January 11, 2022

City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

- Call to Order

- Approval of Minutes

- Police Chief Report

- Fire Chief Report

- Safety Service Director Comments

- Old Business

- New Business
    - Farmland within the City
    - Police Department/Recreation Facility Feasibility Study

- Adjourn

Safety Service Committee

20 S. Walnut Street

Minutes
January 11, 2022

Committee members present: Chairman Rich Hays, John Stahl and Andy Hitt
City representatives in attendance: Mayor, Patrick Closser; Safety Service Director, Rex Castle; Fire/EMS Chief, Todd Eades; Police Chief, Glenn Nicol; Street Superintendent, Bill Long and Executive Assistant, Amy Rees
Community members in attendance: Michael Norman and Tommy Boyd

Mr. Hays called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

There was no meeting in December. The minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Chief Nicol - Report attached

- The Department's calls for service are up 15% compared to January 2021

Chief Eades - Report attached

- The Department responds to approximately 7.2 calls for service per day

OLD BUSINESS – none presented

NEW BUSINESS

Farmland within the City

Mr. Castle stated that he has received several complaints about farm animals within the city and read a section of Ordinance 618.13 that addresses this issue. He suggested that more research be conducted to know which properties in the city are legally permitted to operate as a farm and officially record this information. He requested that the law regarding farms and livestock be amended and contain more specific information.

Police Department/Community Center Feasibility Study

Chief Nicol:

- Worked with the architectural company, Horne & King, to discuss each Departments' current and future needs
- Explained that the section within the buildings contain specific square feet but the overall design and interior layout is still to be determined
- Explained the deteriorating state of the current police department and the structure not meeting current building and safety codes. The new building will be built with industry standards for Police Departments. One example mentioned was that the building will be designed to be a tornado shelter

Mayor Closser:

- Stated London is growing and that the kindergarten and first grade classes at London City Schools are the largest ever
- The Community Center will have two full basketball courts in order to offer additional and expanding programs and that it will have space for people of all ages
- Nice modern amenities such as these buildings, along with our renovated parks, an expanded hospital and modern school buildings all work together to attract more residents and businesses to London

Safety Service Director Castle:

- Explained that to fund the project, a .5% income tax increase is being proposed. Tax revenues will go toward the demolition and construction of buildings and to help fund the Fire/EMS Department operations
- Stated that the City has incurred no tax increases since 2013
- Presented comparable municipalities' income tax rates and the average is 1.96%
- The levy would need to be submitted to the Board of elections by February 2, 2022 and proposed that the Safety Committee take the legislation to City Council for consideration and public input
- The building process will take 18-24 months
- 144 parking spaces will be available
- New buildings will incorporate architectural pieces form the old buildings where possible

hief Eades:

- Explained that although the Board of Public Utilities has built new structures, the City has never invested in a new, modern facility

1r. Stahl made a motion to place a request for a .5% income tax increase be placed on the May primary election ballot o fund a new Police Department and Community Center and to fund the Fire/EMS Department operations. Mr. Hays econded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Hays will sponsor the legislation for City Council consideration.

1r. Boyd asked if Police Cruisers were supposed to be driving on the bike trail. Chief Nicol explained that they do this to atrol the area for community safety as well as at the request of the Friends of Madison County Parks & Trails.

he meeting adjourned at 5:53pm

he next Safety Service Committee meeting will take place on February 8, 2022 at 5:00pm at City Hall.

espectfully submitted by: Amy Rees

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- Seth Duhl, London, was hired as an officer and started January 9th, 2022. He was a lateral transfer from Franklin County SO. We currently have one open position for an officer and are currently accepting applications for police officer through lateral transfers, (those with experience and current certification). Our current civil service list for an officer was exhausted and we will be working with the CSC on developing a new process.
- Vanessa Emler resigned her position as an officer to accept a position with Columbus PD.
- We held our annual "Shop w/a Cop" in December and were able to serve approximately 40 children, the most ever; thanks to generous donations at the fundraiser held last October.
- We are still awaiting parts and scheduling for upfitting of a new cruiser.
- Keith Akers was hired as a part-time dispatcher.
- We have recently had several CEW (tasers) develop issues with the display and are looking into repair or replacement.
- We met with the London Schools to develop and plan for a Safety Town event to be held early summer.
- Sgt. Cooper has begun his Certified Law Enforcement Executive training class that will encumber over 12 months.
- We have received a final plan for the facility needs assessment, along with the community center.

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City of London Div. of Fire/EMS

February 2022 Summary for Safety Committee

Activities & Events

- Departmental EMS Training-Acute Stroke update with Madison Health
- Departmental Fire Training- Scenario training.
- New Hire orientation continued.
- Developed and implemented new part-time orientation manual.
- Began updating departmental policies and procedures manual.
- Began updating Standard Operating guidelines manual.

Remember:

1. Maintain physical distancing by a minimum 6-foot distance from other individuals.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20-seconds (Happy Birthday song twice), especially after coughing or sneezing.
3. Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
4. Cover coughs/sneezes with your arm or a tissue (discard tissues in the trash).
5. Avoid exposure to others who are sick, especially those sick with respiratory symptoms.
6. Stay home if you are ill and avoid close contact with others.
7. Wear a mask. Masks are no longer just for sick people.
8. Get adequate sleep, eat well-balanced meals, and hydrate frequently to ensure a healthy immune system.
9. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Todd D. Eades