



Police, Fire and EMS Commission

January 21, 2020

1011 Municipal Center Drive

MINUTES

Members Present and Absent:

Chair

Alderman Lindsey Butler (P)

Ward 1 Members

Martin Willman (P)
Don Sanders (P)

Ward 4 Members

Ron Jaudes (P)
James Conrad (P)

Ward 2 Members

Donald Larson (P)
Susan Crandall (P)

At-Large

Dave Gordan (A)
Fritz Wiesehan (P)

Ward 3 Members

Vacant (A)
Kelly Kyriakos (A)

Others Present

Chief Jim Cavins
Fire Marshal Dave Phipps
Alderman Sue Allen
Laurie Hange

Captain Mike DeFoe
Mr. John Hoffman
Ann Hamilton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Butler.

Old Business

- A. A motion was introduced by Chairman Butler to approve the November 19, 2019 Commission meeting minutes.

1. Alderman Butler apologized for the misunderstanding of the motion regarding the Fire District at the previous meeting. The intent for the motion was for us to research with the West County Fire District to get more information to progress through the contract negotiation and discuss what it would look like for us to join the Fire District so then as a commission we could bring forward information.
2. Alderman Butler asked for a motion to accept the minutes from November 19, 2019. Commissioner Don Sanders motioned and Commissioner Jim Conrad 2nd.
3. Discussion was held on the November 19, 2019 motion.
4. Chairman Butler made a motion to amend the minutes with the following:
A motion was introduced by Chairman Butler to allow West County EMS & Fire to begin researching the procedures for a **ballot** petition regarding the fire district.
The motion was seconded by Ron Jaundes. The motion was approved via voice vote with Martin Willman voting nay.

New Business

A. Chairman Report

- Packet information on upcoming community events.
- Video Surveillance Registration.
- Public Infrastructure task force chaired by Alderman Sue Allen (present tonight). It consists of members from all 4 wards and appointed in June of 2019.
- Comprehensive Plan: draft is on the cities website.
- Prop P funds: spreadsheet shows where the funds in Town and Country are going.
- Expiring Commission Terms: Ward 3 spot opening. And an At-Large opening. F.W. will be running uncontested as Ward 2 Alderman in April.
- Sunshine Law: Communication must be kept in an open forum.
- Fire Chief is absent and didn't send any new information

B. Police Chief's Report

- Chief Cavins informed the Commission of 1 promotion in the Police Department
 - Sgt. Walker was promoted to Lieutenant
 - Also discussed the new organizational chart of the Police Department
- Rapid ID Grant: The Police Department has filled out the proper grant paperwork for 2 Rapid ID mobile devices
- Ring Doorbell Corporation: It provides another resource to Residents with ring doorbells to register their system using the ring doorbell portal (Ring Doorbell neighborhood app). It will then share information with the police department notifying the resident when we are investigating a crime within their geographic area for the resident to view their cameras and then share directly with the Police Department.
- Parking on the Outer Road near Moog School of the Deaf. Moog has been notified that there is no parking on the Outer Road. The Chief and Lt. Flanagan did research and found that you cannot park on the Outer Road; however, there is either no signage or misleading signage along the Outer Road. Lt. Flanagan has

been tasked with gaining an understanding from MODOT what their signs indicate and also hopefully getting correct signage placed.

- Body Worn Cameras: We are a step closer to utilizing the body worn cameras. We should receive the equipment in the 1st quarter of 2020. However, REJIS has advised us of a new \$18,000 fee for data storage. REJIS was unable to provide substantial data on why there was a need for so much storage. The Chief has decided to take receipt of the equipment and hold off on going live until REJIS gathers correct information on the expenses for data storage from the other agencies in the area. The in-car cameras will still be replaced in 2020.
- RAD and Yoga for Police: Patrolman Lauren Wolfe gave a presentation on the RAD (RAPE, AGRESSION, and DEFENSE) program that her and Detective Katie Exline will be promoting. They will attend training in the next couple of weeks to learn how to run the program. The PD is hopeful to implement the program in Fall of 2020. The Yoga for Police program will take place 2 Tuesdays in each month for Police Department, City Hall employees, WCDC and their spouses to attend a yoga class held at Longview Farm House.
- 4E training: A program that teaches Schools and businesses in town Active Shooter training.

C. Fire Marshal's Report

- Medical Marijuana regulations: The state has not issued any licenses yet. The fire code for T&C has been completed and we are waiting for the building official to complete his portion. Hopefully it will go before the board in March to adopt.
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team): St. Louis Community College is bringing back the CERT training.

D. Further Discussion on November's motion regarding the Fire District

- The Commission discussed the motion from November and expressed their desire to explore all avenues available regarding response times and having an open conversation.

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. PD tour starts at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:42 pm (motion R.J. 2nd D.S.)