



Public Safety Committee Minutes
March 08, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on March 08, 2010. Call to order 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: N. Drolet, Cozad, and Engler
Members Not Present: Renner
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten and Chief Saunders OFD
Other Aldermen Present: Bennett, J. Drolet, Polites, Reckamp, True
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton, City Administrator; Dean Rich, Dir. of Finance; Jean Bevington, OPD; Herb Roach, resident
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman Drolet declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve the Minutes of February 08, 2010, Alderman Engler made a Motion to accept the Minutes of February 08, 2010 as presented and Alderman Cozad seconded. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Alarm Registration Program and Fees – Chief Betten provided the Committee with False Alarm Reports beginning December 22, 2009, thru February 28, 2010. Report No. 1 is a detail of all alarms received by address, Report No. 2 details warnings issued for excess violation during a 30-day period, and report No. 3 details the number of administrative fine letters issued to addresses where excess alarms continued after the initial warning. The Committee reviewed and discussed each report and agreed that these reports could be periodically presented to the Committee.

Chief Saunders informed the Committee that only one false alarm was billed to one business (contractors set off alarm while working.)

Action: Chief Betten to periodically run 30-day Alarm Report and present to Committee

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

New Business

Item 1. Approval of Police Budget – Chief Betten reviewed the Police Department's FY 2010-2011 Budget. Chief informed the Committee he still has two officer vacancies in the 2010-2011 Budget and is allowing for the creation of the Crime Free Multi-Housing position. He clarified the increase in the IT Support line item which is the result of IT Support charging out their time to each department. The increase in Teletype (Data Circuits) is due to the addition of MDTs for all the Squad cars which gives the Officers access to Data from Springfield and direct access to our own System. Loan Payments (Vehicles) decreased as the Department will purchase squad cars out of funds that have been received from Seized Funds, DUI, Circuit Clerks Office, etc.

Item 2. Approval of the EMS Budget – Chief Betten reviewed the EMS Department's FY 2010-2011 Budget. Chief informed the Committee that the Salary line item does include a portion of the salaries for some dispatchers, the Administrative

Assistant and Clerk who also support the EMS Department. The billing company is bid out and as a result the charges are below the original agreements of years past. This is reflected in the Other Professional Services line item. The decrease in the Equipment Reserve line item is reflected by the purchase of a new Ambulance from another agency that downsized and withdrew from the EMS business. The Chief informed the Committee the EMS Budget is supported by Property Tax and Fees for Services and is sound.

Item 3. Approval of the BFPC Budget – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the Fire and Police Commissioners Budget line item for Professional Services also decreased because the Promotional Testing and Assessment is only done every three years.

Item 4. Approval of the Fire Department Budget – Chief Saunders informed the Committee that the Fire Department's Part-time salary decreased because of the reduction in the number of personnel responding to fire calls. The IT Service for Fire increased because of IT Support charging out their time. The Pension line item increased because of LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) which was a category change from Fire Runs and Fees to Pensions.

The Committee discussed the above Budgets at length and the consensus of the Committee was to recommend their approval for all Budgets to Council. All Ayes.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Engler and seconded by Alderman Cozad.

Meeting Adjourned:	8:14 p.m.
Next Meeting:	April 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington