

APPROVED

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, April 8th, 2021

LOCATION: Owen City Hall Community Center, Owen WI 54460

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Michelle Kind

WITHEE: Everett Lindgren, Randy Shelton, Gordy Niemi, and Ellen Niemi-via zoom

OFFICIALS EXCUSED: Ken Martine

ATTENDANCE LIST: Police Chief/Ibarra

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers-Sentinel Rural News & Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes

Motion by Lindgren/Wilczek to approve the minutes for the 03/02/21 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Ibarra presented the March 2021 call report with 78 calls.

Election Results 3rd Officer Referendum:

The results of the April 6th referendum are as follows:

Owen yes votes 92 no votes 115, Withee yes votes 46 no votes 67 so the Referendum did not pass.

Committee noted great media pushes via Facebook, flyers, and the Informational meetings but the referendum failed. Suggestions to review the budget for 2022 and review this fall. Noted the Chief does a great job staying in budget and has the payroll funds to allow for an extra 10 hours for an officer per week but not the Health Care cost estimate of \$19,000 of adding another officer at full time. Committee requested the Clerk call TeamCare to verify the health care eligibility hour requirements and how eligibility is calculated.

Public Safety Mural design by O-W school art students:

Motion by Wilczek/Lindgren to table the PD mural at the new building per Chief recommendation to send additional design specs to the school. Motion carried.

Building Updates for PD at New City Hall:

Wilczek to obtain cost estimates for the garage updates including a new door & insulation to send to the Building Committee and City Council for review as well as to review sound proofing for the offices. Clerk & Wilczek noted an WI Elections Commission representative gave a free inspection of the new building and ramps to prepare for the change in voter venue from the Library. The PD entrances were also inspected, and we received a great review for ADA accessibility. We will need a handrail as planned by the front PD ramp, some landscaping and minor updates is all that is suggested.

Equipment Updates for PD at New City Hall:

Chief is reviewing the cost and wearability of vests & helmets for 3 sets as well as ordering firearms.

Accounts Payable Disbursements

Motion by Wilczek/Shelton to approve the payment of the disbursements from 03/04/2021 to current for \$20429.50 for current AP with payrolls and Employer Share of Taxes & Retirement. Accounts Receivable are \$65,408.83. Statement balances as well as the 1st quarter budget were reviewed. Motion carried.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas

Mural & Building updates needed

Jaffke adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kind, Clerk/Treasurer WCMC