



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
April 19, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th day of April 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner ChairLarry Beermann
CommissionerRobert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman
Alderman.....Sean Concagh
Chief.....Eric Hall
Captain.....Sean Quinn
Administrative Asst.....Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Commissioner.....Matt McGrath
Captain.....Dale Fiala
Support Lieutenant.....Vicki Severs

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Commissioner McGrath, Capt. Fiala and Lt. Severs absent with excuse.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Beermann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh stated that starting next week Ballas Road will be down to one-lane between Clayton Road and Doughty Ferry Road to repair the water main. He concluded that the closure will be until December 2021

BUDGET

2021 Budget Update

Chief Hall stated that the budget is continuing going as planned at 67%. He stated that overtime is down and that the biggest payouts are in professional services, updating the generator for the switch over to Kirkwood dispatch and the evidence cage to be CALEA compliant.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

New Hire Update

Chief Hall that the department is looking at hiring a new officer to fill the vacancy. He stated that there are three (3) potential candidates the department is looking at. He concluded that the City Administrator will also be interviewing final candidates.

New Schedule Update

Chief Hall stated that he would like to present the commission a report of the new 48 hour schedule after three (3) months cycle has been completed.

Update – Transition to Kirkwood for Dispatch Services

Chief Hall stated that the transfer of dispatch over to Kirkwood took place at 9:00 a.m. on April 1st. He stated that there are minor issues that the Kirkwood dispatchers will have to be familiarized such as how West County Center is laid out. He stated that a couple of the dispatchers are going on ride-alongs to get familiar with Des Peres and locations.

Chief Hall stated that with the switch over the daily deskbook entries look different. He also stated that they are working on the new camera system so dispatchers can view what's on the body cameras. He concluded that Kirkwood is seeing how Des Peres has peak times with calls and that calls reduce after a certain time.

DISCUSSION

Chief Hall stated that the department is working with Public Works on aggressively citing people that are violating the construction time ordinance.

Chief Hall stated that the department is in the process of purchasing a new ambulance. He stated that there is an 8-11 months build time on the new ambulance. He concluded that the delivery of the new ambulance is expected in 2022.

Chief Hall presented the commission with commendatory letter addressing the response to the shooting investigation at West County Center on April 2, 2022. He discussed how the officers responded and that one officer in response to the call attended to a citizen having a seizure unrelated to the shooting. He concluded that he is very proud the way the department responded to the situation.

Chief Hall presented the commission with recent bodycam video from the department. He explained how the cameras work and gave six (6) different video examples.

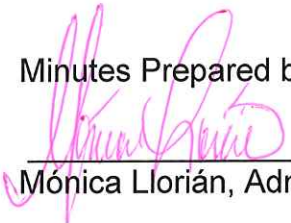
Chief Hall stated on behalf of Capt. Fiala that the department is participating in the Home Bound Vaccination program. He explained that the department will go to the homes of Des Peres residents that are home bound and not able to leave their homes to be vaccinated for COVID. He concluded that Medical Officer Schweiss will be administering the vaccinations and that the vaccines are being provided by Affton Fire District.

Capt. Quinn stated that Brite Industries is the new vendor for the license plate reader technology in the area. He stated that the department is looking into Brite as the current vendor will no longer be provide support.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:


Mónica Llorián, Admin Asst.

ATTEST:



Robert Ashcraft, Commissioner