



Public Safety Committee Minutes

Date: September 18, 2023
Location: Police Department Squad Room
Minutes: Prepared by Hayley Williams

Public Safety Committee Members & Related Staff

The meeting began at 6:00 pm and ended at 7:00 pm. Council members Bobby Martinez, Tom Sauvageau, and Beau Chevassus were present as were Police Chief Tim Floyd and Department Assistant Hayley Williams.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Creation of Corporal position in the Jail
 - Need someone to be able to make supervisory decisions at night. Postponing for now until union negotiations next year. Would be a promotional opportunity.
- Hiring update -Medalla and Alford
 - Fully staffed on paper. Down 7 operationally. Yarnell leaves for the police academy on Wednesday, September 20. New Patrol hire Travis Medalla has been through the academy so is experienced but not a true lateral. Charles Alford has started in corrections and will go through the academy. Have 2 new dispatchers. Christine Nebeker graduates from the corrections academy on Wednesday.
- Parking fines increase discussion
 - Parking complaints are our number one call. Year to date 242 calls for parking and have issued about 90 tickets. Have not increased parking fines in 15+ years. As events and people are increasing in the city, it may be time to increase rates. Currently, fines are \$20 for a basic parking violation and \$40 for a 3-hour violation. The committee agrees to increase basic fines from \$20 to \$60, and 3-hour parking violations from \$40 to \$100.
 - The committee would like a quote for replacing signs stating “3-hour parking” but also have a fine of \$100 noted on the sign.
 - Run a campaign saying we are refreshing fines for parking.

- SCORE budget amendment
 - Have \$75, 000 budgeted, already at \$73K for this year. We have two individuals booked there currently. Could pass 100K by the end of the year. When inmates have mental health issues we cannot house here. This will result in fourth-quarter budget amendment.
- Anti-cruise ordinance discussion
 - The mayor will go to the cruise organizer saying it needs to be a permitted event if they want to keep doing the cruise in our city. Organizers need to pay for the police. Pay for public works. There needs to be cost recovery to the city for this event.
 - The committee would like to try to amend current ordinances and list car cruises with other defined special events that require a permit. Not saying no, but would first like to look at other options. If the cruise does not follow the special events process, then revisit the anti-cruising ordinance option.
- Round Table

Next Meeting – October 16th at **5pm** (time adjustment due to budget workshop at 6pm)

Future items:

Discussion on jail rate fee study and increasing jail rates.