

CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Alderman Kramer called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order on March 28th at 5:30pm.

Interim Deputy City Clerk Michelle Raven called attendance.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Plufka – Present (Arrived at 5:52pm)

Alderman Kramer – Present

Alderman Lochmoeller – Present

Alderwoman Sims – Present

Also present were: City Administrator Bola Akande, Police Chief Joe Spiess, Assistant Police Chief Jim McIntyre, Fire Chief Terry Kurten, Public Works Director Dan Gummingsheimer, and Interim City Clerk Michelle Raven.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Kramer stated with no objections the Agenda is approved as it stands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 28, 2018 and March 7, 2018

The minutes were approved as submitted.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

BID OPENING/SELECTION

None

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Spiess updated the Committee with the following Law Enforcement Enhancement Initiatives:

Discussion on Officer Safety Program Implementation

Chief Spiess stated that the Department is in the process of implementing an Officer Safety Program. The goal is to protect our officers with hands on repeated messaging of key areas of vulnerability, tactical approaches to avoid violent encounters, de-escalation tactics to reduce

complaints and friction with the community, as well as officer wellness. The needs of the program include a dedicated Brentwood Officer that will role play weapon training systems, location, additional training for officers as needed, potential liaison with neighboring Departments, and training budget for additional role players evaluators. Alderman Kramer inquired about the number of tasers within the Department and Chief Spiess replied that all officers are equipped with tasers. Alderwoman Sims inquired about the role of less than lethal rounds and Chief Spiess stated that they are high-impact, non-penetration beanbag-like bullets.

Discussion on School Safety Initiative

Chief Spiess stated that the goal for this initiative is to develop a collaborative program with Brentwood School District for the most effective response and monitoring partnership for school safety in place by August 18, 2018. Once established, this program will be replicable and brought to additional schools for their safety as well as developing a comprehensive manner to address a threat. Training would be needed for a tactical response to a school active shooter event, site assessment and recommendations for target hardening, access control, and visitor management. Also included is social media monitoring, interviewing and de-escalation with at-risk adolescents, FBI Red Zone school shooter warning sign seminar, professional medical intervention options, parental counseling and assistance, and follow on monitoring of at-risk threats. On March 21, 2018, Chief Spiess and Assistant Chief McIntyre met with the Superintendent, high school and middle school administrators, and school counselors for an introduction, meeting, and walk-through.

Presentation on Jail Holding Facilities Arrangement

Chief Spiess stated that the goal is to enter into a contract as soon as possible with Richmond Heights for the transportation, booking, and pickup of our prisoners. The determination to be made on what we will need to provide to this prisoner booking/holding process. The value of this contract will immediately remove substantial civil liability risk to the City of Brentwood regarding the housing of prisoners, officers no longer repeatedly called to the station for checks on well-being, feed prisoners, fit for confinements, travel to other jurisdictions for pickups, etc. Cost savings on software expense for fingerprinting process as well. A meeting was held with Brentwood Judge Digman on March 27, 2018 and he approved of this change. Chief Spiess recommended to the Committee that we maintain our contract with ECDC and their dispatching process. The current practice has high value from an office safety perspective due to immediate communication and assistance available from neighboring Departments. A recommendation from Chief Spiess includes a request of a cost evaluation in the current contract.

Presentation on Bike Patrols/Signage for Parks

Chief Spiess stated that the Department will begin bike patrols of Brentwood parks with officers riding in key times. As part of this attention to our parks, signage for the paths and parking lots that clearly indicates the Brentwood Police Department is monitoring and patrolling these areas.

Presentation on Retail Theft Response Changes

Chief Spiess stated that a meeting will take place with Retail Asset Protection in early April to make changes to the current policy.

Presentation of Courtroom Security Upgrade

Chief Spiess stated that a new process will be implemented for tighter courtroom security.

Presentation on Crime Analysis Position

Chief Spiess asked the Committee to consider implementing this position within the Department. He stated that this position will serve as the conduit to implement recommended initiatives effectively.

Presentation on Meridian Metro Garage Security Review/Improvement

Chief Spiess stated that ongoing security review and upgrades include patrol frequency, technology improvement, signage, etc.

Presentation on Senior Law Enforcement Analyst Position

Chief Spiess stated that this position is vital to the development of new strategies and effective operation of the Department, logistics in community and offer training events, liaisons with other agencies, crime analysis and predictive policing; trends and best practice in law enforcement; school liaison; retail crime analysis; business liaison; software upgrades to improve performance (evidence room; IAD case tracking); social media messaging assistance, and grant opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lochmoeller made a motion to table the other items on the agenda and adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. Alderwoman Sims seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote was taken.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting April 25, 2018