



City of Rock Falls

Police/Fire Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/23/08 Time Meeting Started: 5:00 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:06pm

Members		Also Attended	
Mayor Blanton (Chairperson)	P	Chief Kuelper, Police Department	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P	Chief Larson, Fire Department	P
Alderman Hand	A	Alderman Folsom	P
		Alderman Thurm	P
		Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 5:00pm 	Committee meeting begun.
2. New Business: a) Cross Guards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Kuelper handed out some information on crossing guards, and potential of putting signs in the street for the crossing guards. Committee discussed issue. Committee discussed put some more no-parking areas on North side of Dixon Avenue between Avenue C (South side of Dixon) and Avenue C (north side of Dixon Avenue) (these roads do not meet). Committee recommended making curb in front of 409 Dixon Avenue no parking, and send this issue to Ordinance committee for adoption. Mayor also discussed paying the Crossing Guards monthly instead of paying them on a two week basis to pay them evenly over 12 months, so that they would throughout the year get a paycheck. Mayor requested that City Administrator do a little research and find out if these employees could be paid over the 12 month period instead of only for the school year. 	<p>Item would be presented to Ordinance at their next meeting.</p> <p>City Administrator would research issue and report back.</p>
2. New Business b) High School Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor reported that the High School would pay \$32,900 and an officer costs \$53,280 which doesn't include training. Committee discussed. Mayor stated that he would like to have at least a 3 year agreement with the High School for this program. Committee discussed training; Chief reported that training would be about \$1000 for training. Committee requested that Mayor speak to school and see if they would support a school resource officer for the Fall 2009 school year. 	Mayor will speak to school and see if they want to sign a 3-year contract for this program.
2. New Business c) Tazer's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor presented information to committee regarding tazer's cost. Initial cost would be \$8250.97 for 3 tazers, 2 would be \$6,000. Chief recommended purchasing higher end tazer with audio/video option that is \$399 extra. Committee discussed safety issues and how many to purchase. After a lengthy and heated discussion committee decided to purchase 2 tazers. 	Committee directed the Police Chief to purchase 2 tazer's with equipment and training and to

		use funds initially dedicated to MDT equipment.
3. Fire Department-Chief Larson a) Physical Examinations for Firefighters @ Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed having this procedure for each officer, which would be a greater health screening; cost would be \$265 which be through Sterling-Rock Falls Clinic. Would be 10 or 11 officers to go through this screening at a cost of \$2650. Committee discussed and requested having City Attorney involved for discussion. 	City Attorney would be contacted regarding this item to schedule a meeting of the Chiefs, the City Administrator and the Mayor.
3. Fire Department-Chief Larson b) Hire additional POC Firefighter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief requested to hire another paid on call firefighter to replace the one that has left to become a full-time firefighter. Committee discussed. Chief will do a back ground check and interview him and then on the recommendation of Chief Larson would be added to POC. 	Employee would be added to Paid on call ranks after interview and background check.
4. Police Department-Chief Kuelper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee entered into Executive session at 5:50pm for Personnel Section 2(c) (1). Committee exited from Executive session at 5:57pm. 	Executive Session held, and entered into and out of.
5. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed and approved minutes as presented 	Minutes were approved as presented.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee adjourned at 6:06pm. 	Committee adjourned.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Police/Fire Committee