



City of Rock Falls Police/Fire Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2019

Time Meeting Started: 4:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 5:09 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Lee Folsom - Chairman	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Rod Kleckler	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Bill Wangelin	P	Police Chief Nelson	P
		Fire Chief Cook	P
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Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	Quorum Present	Meeting begins at 4:30 p.m.
2. Audience Request	None	None
3. Approval of Minutes July 26, 2018	Motion: Alderman Folsom, Second Alderman Kleckler	Motion carried
4. New Business 1. Fire Department apparatus update	Chief Cook presented information on apparatus: 1. Tender -47 (1984) Taken out of service due to cross member bolts on frame rusting out. Unit responds to approximately 20 calls per year. Tender -46 is in service. Insuring discussion concerning approaching the Rural Fire District to either purchase or put monies towards a purchase of a new cab/chassis. Chief Cook has found units that would cost approximately \$60-\$70,000, with a 20 year probable longevity. Tank is good and would be remounted. 2. Engine -41 (2002) currently out of service due to a steering issue. Randy's Repair in Tampico is backed up, vehicle will be going to Ewers in Milledgeville for repairs. Unit has experienced many emergency repairs over the past several months. 3. Foreign Fire board giving consideration to the purchase of a heavy duty pick-up truck for the department. In exchange, they would like to get rid of RF-49 (1990) and RF-51 (1989). Board would like to have the City consider the sale of those two (2) units and let any proceeds received, be applied towards the purchase of the pick-up.	1. Mayor will draft a letter to the Rural Fire Protection Board, asking for financial assistance in paying for new truck. 2. Department has a committee working to design a new truck. Final projected cost will be shared, for apparatus purchase discussion in the near future. Takes approximately (1) year for the build of new truck. 3. Chief cook will look into the value that can be gotten with the sale of the apparatus.
2. Police Update on hiring and lateral hiring	Administrator Blackert and Chief Nelson spoke to the Committee about changes to the Police Wage scale that is going to be proposed to the FOP. The reason being to make our current wage scale more in line with surrounding departments to stop the loss of officers over the last several years we have lost (7) officers to other departments over wage issues.	1. Actions have been placed in motion by the Finance Committee to set a date for discussion with the FOP to re-open the current contract which goes to 2020.
5. Fire Chief Report	1. Chief Cook shared that the new hire for the Department is proceeding well in his training. Instruction is being provided locally with our instructors. (2) Hours of classroom is set aside on each shift day. Hands on training will be done at sites outside the department, however, taught by	Information only

	our instructors. First testing scheduled for March in Peoria. 2. Shared information about a new program with the Office of the State's Fire Marshall that would assist local residents with getting smoke detectors for their homes. More information will be forthcoming.	
6. Police Chief Report	Chief Nelson shared the following: 1. Three new Officers onboard. 1 at Academy, 1 scheduled for May to academy, 1 new officer (5) years' experience, lateral hire from Savanna 2. Up to (4) members of the Dept. are tentatively scheduled for National Guard assignments. Three have received tentative orders for deployment in April or May. Our SRO is also scheduled for deployment and Sgt. McKanna will be filing that role until he returns.	Information Only
7. Committee Members Only	1. Mr. Kleckler asked about the two (2) part-time employee's service as file clerks in the Police Department. He was inquiring as to how long they were going to be retained as PT status. Chief Nelson is working on a proposal for her budget that may result in the elimination of the two positions and instead hire (1) full time Administrative Assistant.	No action. More information will be coming when available.
8. Executive Session 9. Action taken from Executive Session	None	No Executive Session required
10. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.	Meeting ends 5:09 p.m.



Committee Chairman, Alderman Lee Folsom