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POLICE COMMITTEE
June 19, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
Police Department Training Room
1710 Plainfield Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Chairman Joe Kenny, Alderman Ralph Stompanato, Alderman Eric Gustafson and Chief Greg Thomas.

2. Public Comment and Communications

There were no communications presented

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. 2022 Annual Report

Chief Thomas advised that he would present the 2022 Annual Report at the City Council meeting tonight. He asked the committee if they wanted him to give the presentation now or wait until the City Council meeting. Chairman Kenny raised a question regarding the difference between Part A and B crimes. Chief explained how the federal government established the crime categories. Chairman Kenny asked a question about how the department destroys drugs in evidence. Chief advised the evidence officers' burn drugs in the incinerator or send them away for destruction. The method of destruction depends on the type of drug. A discussion ensued about different categories of crimes. Also about the legal way to transport cannabis.

5. Discussion on Fines and Sentences

In June Alderman Gustafson sent a question to chief about what level of control the city has over establishing fines and sentences. Whether or not Darien can strengthen their fines and sentences. Chief explained that the City has direct control of ordinance violations; however, there are no criminal sentences for any ordinance violations. If there is a violation of a state statute then the City has very little control of these. The committee discussed the differences between DuPage and Cook county sentences.

6. **DUMEG Annual Dues**

Chief explained that this is the annual renewal fee for our participation with DUMEG. DUMEG's primary function is drug enforcement. They have helped with numerous investigations. Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

7. **All Traffic Solutions Suite 36 month Renewal**

Chief advised this is a request to renew the software for the radar signs. Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

8. **MERIT Annual Renewal**

Chief noted that this item is an error. City Council approved this item at the last City Council meeting. No action is needed.

9. **2023 Ammunition Purchase**

Chief informed the committee that the state requires a firearm qualification twice a year for each officer. The department needs to replenish the ammunition supply yearly. It is very expensive and in short supply. Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve the motion seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

10. **Axon Pro Bundle Licenses**

Chief advised that this software allows supervisors to view up to (4) videos at one time. This feature decreases the amount of time supervisors spend reviewing videos. The department will purchase this software using Equitable Sharing Funds
Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The committee unanimously approved the resolution.

11. **Axon Rapid Respond Licenses**

Chief explained that this software allows the dispatch center access to each officer's GPS location. This feature increases officer safety. The department will purchase this software using Equitable Sharing funds.
Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The committee unanimously approved the resolution.

12. **License Plate Reader Poles and Installation**

Chief advised that City Council approved the purchase of License Plate recognition cameras and software almost three years ago. It has taken a much longer time to get the cameras installed partly due to permitting issues with the DuPage County Department of Transportation. The department has renegotiated the contract with Vigilant/Motorola Solutions. The technology has improved and we are now getting a better system with more camera locations for less money. Some of the new cameras will need to be mounted on poles that we need to install and the department is asking for approval of the installation of poles to mount the license plate reader cameras. The cost for this project will not exceed \$53,000 and cannabis funds will be used for the purchase. A discussion ensued about the benefits of ALPRs.
Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The committee unanimously approved the resolution.

13. **Next Meeting Date – July 17, 2023**

14. **Adjournment**

Alderman Stompanato motioned to adjourn seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The

meeting was adjourned a 6:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Eric Gustafson

Chairman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: _____
Ralph Stompanato