

POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 28, 2020

4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

980 Applegate St

Philomath, OR

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Edmonds called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Present

Doug Edmonds

Ruth Causey

Eric Niemann

Matthew Thomas – absent

STAFF: Present

Ken Rueben, Chief of Police

David Gurski, Sergeant

Shelley Bartlow, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Review & Approval:

MOTION: Mayor Niemann moved, Councilor Causey second, to approve the amended minutes from December 10, 2019. Motion APPROVED 3-0

Staffing Update –

Chief Rueben briefed the members of the police committee on the current staffing. Blake Bowers is currently at the academy. He will be there 16 weeks. Tentative graduation date is June 5. (This date could change)

Councilor Edmonds asked the question as to whether or not all positions in the department have to be sworn. (example: evidence) Chief explained that in a small agency there would not be full time work for someone that is not sworn.

Brandon Thurman and Michael Wulk will both be joining the force in February. They are both lateral hires and should be up and running within just a couple of weeks. Thurman is an intermediate training officer and also a Superior trainer. (PPD new software, Superior) Officer Lochner is also staying for now. Officer Vaughn's last day will be February 2, 2020 PPD is looking forward to being fully staffed very soon!

Grants Review –

Mayor Niemann applied to the Siletz Indian Tribe for funds to purchase another radar sign and \$3,000 was awarded. This will cover 60-70% of the price. Chief and Mayor Niemann will be present to receive the funds.

PPD also has ongoing grants with ODOT for supplemental overtime shifts for DUII, seat belt, cell phone and cross walk enforcements. Super Bowl, Seafood and Wine Festival, Rodeo and weekend holidays are typically chosen. These grants are applied for and the PPD sends in reports and money is then received to cover the officer's overtime.

Before each of these enforcement operations the information is posted on Facebook for the public to stay informed.

The Mayor thanked Chief Rueben for taking the time to apply for the grants.

Radar Sign Update –

Chief presented data from the radar sign which has been set up at 9th/Applegate. This shows lots of data and when the 2nd radar sign is in place there will be the capability of putting one up in each direction which will be nice.

There is the possibility of getting a wireless sign. This will be revisited and the pros and cons will be taken into consideration. (battery length, cost, etc)

After a question was brought from Councilor Causey regarding Philomath School District, Sergeant Gurski explained he attends their practice lockdowns, walks the exterior of the perimeters and makes sure the lock blocks are in place. This give the PPD and PSD an opportunity to communicate and go over security concerns. (lights out, doors locked, blinds shut, etc.) Afterward a debrief of the event helps to keep communication open and strengthen relationships.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM