

POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 29, 2019
4:00 PM
PPD Board Room
1010 Applegate St

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Edmonds called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS: Present

Doug Edmonds, Terry Weiss, Matthew Thomas

STAFF: Present

Ken Rueben, Chief of Police; David Gurski, Sergeant – Excused; Chris Workman, City Manager; Shelley Bartlow, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Amy Cook – City Attorney’s Office; Joan Swanson – Philomath City Hall

Minutes Review & Approval:

Motion: Councilor Thomas moved, Councilor Weiss second, to approve the minutes from July 31, 2018. Motion APPROVED 2-0

The members decided that Doug Edmonds would remain the committee chair.

Mayor Niemann stopped in briefly to thank the committee for their service and their willingness to serve. He stressed that the police committee has an integral relationship between City Council and police.

AGENDA:

1. Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (addition to agenda 1/25/19)

Amy Cook from the City Attorney’s office and Joan Swanson from City Hall visited to discuss nuisance abatement and Amy brought example of an abatement ordinance that Philomath will consider adding.

Since there is a current case is ongoing, that is under abatement this is a property that can be used as an example and a learning opportunity. This case was discussed for the sake of the new committee members so that they could be updated.

Joan also explained that tall grass, junk in yard, complaint properties have been difficult to deal with. Especially when they go into foreclosure and it is difficult to contact a responsible that is willing to take action. In these cases the city is interested in adding verbiage that will allow the city to go in and resolve the problem properties and put a lien on the property.

All of this paperwork is attached. There was not time to discuss each line but the committee members will be able to review it before it is taken to city council for vote.

2. 2018 Year end Statistics Ken Rueben took the time to explain crime statistics. He talked about his Policing, philosophy regarding search warrants, video (redactions, etc.), and enforcement. He also gave each person handouts with totals for 2018 and comparisons with past years.

3. **Superion report writing system** Ken shared with the committee details about the new report writing system which should be up and running in April.
4. **Personnel** Ken gave an update on Jacob Coon. He will be finished with the academy in April.
5. **Vehicle use** Ken went over vehicle usage and updated the committee on where the department stands as far as vehicles and the need in the near future for at least one new car.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47

Meeting recorded by Shelley Bartlow, Administrative Assistant