

POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 12, 2019

4:00 PM

PPD Board Room

1010 Applegate St

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Edmonds called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS: Present

Doug Edmonds, Terry Weiss, Matthew Thomas

STAFF: Present

Ken Rueben, Chief of Police;

David Gurski, Sergeant

GUESTS: Amy Cook – City Attorney’s Office;

Joan Swanson – Philomath City Hall

Minutes Review & Approval:

The minutes from the January 29th meeting were not reviewed, as a current copy was unavailable. The minutes will be submitted for approval during the May 14th committee meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

Amy Cook from the City Attorney’s office provided the group with an updated version of the nuisance abatement ordinance. Changes were reviewed, and several titles and word changes were made. After review, Councilor Weiss offered a motion to advance the draft ordinance to the full council for review and a vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas, and the full committee voted in favor of the motion.

2. Superior report writing system. Chief Rueben provided an update on the installation of the system, and reported that several officers had attended train-the-trainer classes. Shelley Bartlow is currently in records training, and supervisors will be attending administrative training during the next several weeks. The go-live date is still May 14th.

3. Personnel update. Chief Rueben gave an update on Jacob Coon as he is currently number 2 in his academy class in academics. He will graduate on April 12th. Chief

Rueben reported the department has hired a replacement for Officer Heese, and his name is Lucas Sinclair. He will be starting the academy on April 15th.

4. City Park Off-Leash area issue (Added Agenda Item by Councilor Edmonds) The group discussed a letter submitted by a local resident complaining that people using the off-leash area at the Mary's River Park often allow their dogs to approach dogs in the on-leash area. There is no fence to divide the area, and the group agreed the signage is possibly an issue. The committee agreed to ask the city manager to pass the issue on to the park's committee for review and discussion.

5. City Council Meeting follow-up (Added Agenda Item by Councilor Edmonds) Mention was made at the March 11th city council meeting that a gay couple felt uncomfortable walking together in Philomath. The couple did not report an actual incident, but mentioned it to a city councilor during dinner at a local restaurant. The group asked if there had been any complaints about similar issues, and Chief Rueben reported that there have been no intimidation complaints reported in the past 5 years.

Next meeting is on May 14th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.