

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF HERRIN, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

Alderman Shoemake, Public Safety Chairman called the meeting to order. Those in attendance on behalf of the City were Alderman Shoemake, Alderman Kinley, Alderman Miller., Alderman Ahlgren, Alderman York, Alderman Crompton, Mayor Frattini, Chief Laird, Deputy Chief Loyd, Fire Chief Priddy, Budget Director Carrie Cravens, Treasurer Carl Goodwin and City Clerk Shelly Huggins.

Purchase of Squad Cars & Bid Process - Chief Laird stated that Deputy Chief Loyd was involved in pursuit involving RV Friday night and is probably totaled. Deputy Loyd put his vehicle in front of the RV and it got rammed twice but did stop what could have been a bad situation. We currently have over \$60,000 and we have at least 3 that need to come in off of the road. That money is restricted to what it can be used for. Vehicles and Equipment only. Would like to seek authority to do so. When he applied to Harrison Bruce for monies previously they asked if we had a plan to purchase additional vehicles when necessary. Chief Laird had hoped we could budget for. That didn't happen. Admin Tow Fee was set to use to purchase squad cars. Also wants to know bid process if buy used vehicles. Anything over \$10,000 has to go out for bid. Can override \$10,000 up to state \$25,000 by a ¾ vote. It is in place for a reason Attorney Brewster believes we shouldn't do it this way. Would need specifications for bids. If we go out for bids, we publish in the Independent as per statute. Mayor would like to see us shop locally. Budget Director Carrie Cravens did work up numbers for paying off existing leases. Estimation for new cars would be \$30,000. Have a need for unmarked vehicles for the investigators. Consensus is that used vehicles aren't the best choice. Chief Laird will look in to options and bring back to committee.

Upcoming Dispatch Changeover - Starting in February Herrin and Marion will be the PSAPs in the county. Herrin and Marion will be answering all 911 calls in the county. Currently it is those two and county. Due to state consolidation, County is losing theirs. Chief Laird will need to staff dispatch with 2 dispatchers around the clock. Budget is not going to allow for that, so he will need to look for creative ways to do that. We are currently receiving \$36,000 from 911 board, we will be getting an additional \$24,000 for a total of \$60,000 per year. Use as much of that money to double up with part-timers.

Terminal Leave for Training Officers - Chief Laird stated that he wanted everyone to understand this is a potential issue in the future. Currently there is a training officer bump for officers retiring. During that year, they have the ability to work overtime. That was never removed from contract. Officer Murrah most recent to retire, he did not take advantage of that. Every 10 hour overtime shift he worked was 800.70. 170,000 over time budget for the year. There will be officers to retire in the future that would take advantage of that program. There are some solutions out there. One possible solution is to give them some value for their sick time and allow them to have terminal leave at the end of their career in exchange for right to work overtime during that year. We could also make them use all of their time on the books as a combined package that way they are done before leaving. Contract allows for taking sick days two in a row without a doctor's note. Afraid it may be misused by taking 2 days per week and probably can't do much about that without contract changes. We are going to try make some language to correct these issues. We have 2 officers that have put in for bumps in June and September.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.