

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
January 6, 2015
6:00 PM
4th committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Bob Cook, Councilman Scott Crosby and Councilman Matney. Police Chief Bryan Turner, Fire Chief Russell Sapp, Administrative Judge Angela Martin and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

Committee held a moment of silence for Officer Gotowka. Other agencies came to Mauldin to help in our time of need. Austin was very well liked and always smiling. The Mayor and City Administrator spoke with the family today and they were complimentary of our department and City and appreciate the support they have been given.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Cook
2. Public Comment
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget reports- The police department budget is at 57%. There are a few expenditures that have not been acquired, but will be soon.
 - b. Chief Turner- Chief Turner was not present. Trey reported there have been several conversations with Jim Shiner regarding the Butler Station Christmas lights. Next month, the City will reach out to Butler Station with a public meeting to let everyone discuss the issues and proposed solutions. Chairman Cook said according to the emails he has seen, the neighborhood had fewer problems after the police officers came out there.
 - c. Angela Martin- The budget is in good shape.
 - d. Chief Sapp- The total calls for December were 235. The totals for the 2761 calls, which is an increase of 121 calls. The pumper was delivered December 4th. Equipment is being installed and should be in service in about a week. The new ladder truck is completed and will be inspected on January 11th. We will accept delivery after that time.

Chairman Cook asked if the drop in medical calls could be attributed to the nurse taking some calls. Chief Sapp said he didn't have the information to answer that.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

- a. Wrecker ordinance amendment- This is a small ordinance change just in the wording. We would like to remove the phrase that references a deductible. There will still be coverage, but we want to remove the burden of such a low deductible on the insurance.

This item was sent to council.

Councilman Goodson asked if the police presence in Butler Station was a patrol, or if they were stationed there. Trey said they were stationed unless there was a higher priority call to respond to. Chairman Cook asked to see numbers on how much overtime and other expenditures we had there.

Councilman Goodson mentioned he talked with the City Attorney and he is recuperating from his heart surgery. Councilman Matney couldn't believe there was an attorney with a heart.

Councilman Scott Crosby said we need to remember for next year that we had a lot of rain this past Christmas season and there will be more days to patrol next year. He asked if off-duty police officers could write citations and Trey answered yes. Chairman Cook said he didn't want to set a precedent and some kind of reimbursement should be given. Trey said the temporary use ordinance addresses private events and a permit will be required next year and parking will have to be addressed as well. The homeowners with the lights may have to fund the police officers at Butler Station.

Councilman Matney said he got a phone call today from a resident and he said that there had been criminal activity in his neighborhood in the past, and the police department did a great job in weeding out that activity.

7. Public Comment
8. Committee concerns.
9. Adjournment.- Chairman Cook adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk