

CIRCLEVILLE SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES 06-6-2023

Circleville City Safety Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Roll call, present was Chair, Katie Logan Hedges and Cmte Members Jeff Hallinin and Caryn Koch-Esterline. Other members present Michelle Blanton, Tom Duvall; Todd Brady and Sheri Theis. Invited Guests were Fire Chief Brian Thompson; Police Chief Shawn Baer and Doug DeBord, Safety Director.

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Chair Hedges called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Koch- Esterline motioned to approve March 28, 2023, minutes. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.

2. New Business

Fire Chief, Brian Thompson – Updates & Changes/Benefits from the Safety Levy passage.

Fire Chief explained the runs (1839) have increased from January to May and the department is at full staff. There have been improvements to the building such as new safety flooring. In terms of the safety levy, we were able to hire more firefighters per shift, respond to fire with more FF's, purchase equipment, obtain a safer grant and provide the needed services to the community. Also, the fire department's overtime has decreased.

Police Chief, Shawn Baer - Updates & Changes/Benefits from the Safety Levy Passage.

Chief Baer explained the new hardware has been installed in the communication center and can create details reports plus track 911 calls and the department is compliant with the State.

The Police Chief gave statistics on the increase in calls for service and drug activity. Sheriffs Hafey and his departments with the City police departments created best practices between the departments. In the future there will be a quarterly advisory committee created with questions and answers sessions with officers. There is a need for part-time staff to take evidence to another county and then back to pick it up and workload in the front office when there are absences. This is still in the process stage.

The safety levy has helped the department to feel appreciated because of the workload and with the hiring process, helped with purchasing new equipment for police officers, purchase new cruisers and to help de-sanitize the department during COVID. Per Police Chief, contract negotiation has begun with the police department and the City.

Ordinance from Safety Director Doug DeBord.

An Ordinance Creating A Police Cadet Corps Within The Department Of Public Safety, Division Of Police. Doug DeBord explained that this will create a cadet core to hire candidates after high school graduation or civil service person to help in the police department and then attend the academy for training. They will need to sign an agreement with a three-year commitment and is a non-union position, with a clause to pay back the city if they do not keep the three-year commitment.

MOTION-VOTE-ROLL CALL.

Hallinin motioned to froward this ordinance to the June 20' 2023, Council Meeting for passage. Koch-Esterline seconded. Roll call (3 Yeas- 0 Nays).

Old Business - Safety Levy

This discussion was incorporated into Fire and Police Chiefs' discussions.

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda M. Chancey, Clerk