

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
August 15, 2018, 4:30pm

Committee Members present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chairman
 Councilor Edward Levasseur
 Councilor Nancie Cameron

Administration/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore
 Police Chief, David Kretschmar
 Fire Chief, Keith Hoyle
 City Clerk, Trish Harris

Other: John Goward, GM American Ambulance
 Gary Lamoureux, Municipal Resources
 Jenne Holmes

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Levasseur seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting. The motion passed, 3-0.

UPDATES FROM THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, & EMS

Police Update -

There was discussion about Security Upgrades to the video/audio security systems at the Somersworth Police Department. A proposal was received from 2-Way Network Division at a cost of \$29,089. This is in the FY2018 budget.

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to endorse a Resolution for the upgrade to the audio/video security system at the Somersworth Police Department, with 2-Way Network Division, at a cost of \$29,089. Motion passed, 3-0.

There was discussion about the purchase of an Automated Fingerprint Indexing System. This system was developed by the FBI and allows collection and matching of fingerprint data quickly and efficiently. The cost for this system is \$19,825. City Manager Belmore suggested that the funds are available in the Drug Forfeiture Fund. It was suggested that this be removed from the CIP since funding is available.

Councilor Levasseur, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to support the purchase of the Automated Fingerprint Indexing System, at a cost of \$19,825. The motion

passed, 3-0. The purchase of this system will be reviewed by the Finance Committee, as it is within the Committee's spending authority.

Chief Kretschmar stated that the mobile radios in vehicles need to be replaced. They are out of date, and cannot be repaired because the parts are not available. It was recommended by the Chief that two of the vehicles be equipped with radios funded by the JAG Grant. It was recommended that the six additional vehicles be equipped with radios, funded by the Drug Forfeiture Fund, at a cost of \$22,013.88.

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to support the equipping of 6 Police Vehicles with radios, through Drug Forfeiture Funds at an amount of \$22,013.88. The motion passed, 3-0. The purchase and installment of these radios will be reviewed by the Finance Committee, as it is within the Committee's spending authority.

Chief Kretschmar announced that the City was recently notified that we have been awarded a grant through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Somersworth is eligible to receive an amount of \$11,553.55. A draft resolution was presented to the Committee.

Councilor Levasseur, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion of sponsor a Resolution to full Council to execute the JAG Grant Program. Motion passed, 3-0.

Chief Kretschmar updated the Committee on the Somersworth Police Department Facebook and Twitter. City Manager Belmore stated that the City Attorney is reviewing an updated Social Media Policy.

Councilor Pepin asked for an update on the K9 unit. Chief Kretschmar replied that they have ordered the vehicle and equipment. They are in the process of selecting the officer, and then they will fit the dog to the officer.

Fire Update-

Chief Hoyle gave an update regarding the American Ambulance review.

Chief reported that defibrillators, one for Police and one for Fire, are on order, and will in soon.

American Ambulance is adhering to the contract regarding the 2013 ambulance. The contract states that an ambulance cannot be more than 5 years old. The 2013 ambulance will be replaced by the end of the year.

There was discussion about training; EMT, continuing education sessions, and CPR refreshers. John Hesketh has been named the educational coordinator. Training for City employees will begin in January 2019.

NEW FIRE FACILITY DISCUSSION

City Manager Belmore introduced Gary Lamoureux, of Municipal Resources Inc. He and the City Manager have met to discuss the needs for the new Fire Facility. Mr. Lamoureux stated that he has also met with city staff including fire staff and Union president, as well as the Fire Chief to review the needs of the department in regards to a new facility.

There was discussion about the possible locations for the new Fire Station; renovate or raze the current building and build new at the current fire station location on Maple St. or purchase property on Lilac Lane and build new.

There was lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of each option, including response times, call volume and area, cost of land, demo, and building. The consultant stated that they are still doing fact finding.

City Manager Belmore indicated that a draft report and targeted timeline was to be submitted by October 2018.

There was brief discussion about the bond calculations for the Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Levasseur seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk