

**Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee  
Held in the Conference Room at City Hall  
January 15, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 18-55.

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m. with Chair Best presiding, Councilor Moore and Councilor Foster being present. Councilor Henderson being absent.

Staff present: Mike Mathews, Public Safety Director, Karen Sanders, Chaves County Emergency Manager, Devin Graham, Fire Chief, Eric Mann, EMS Chief, Phil Smith, Police Chief, Michael Stanton, Police Deputy Chief, Michael Taylor, Police Captain of Investigation Services, Fil Gonzales, Police Captain, Angela Vegara, Fire Department, Sharon Coll, City Clerk, Aaron Holloman, City Attorney, Joe Neeb, City Manager, Bill Morris, Community Development Manager, Monica Garcia, City Finance Director, Juan Fuentes, City Auditor, Judy Stubbs, Roswell City Council, Vanessa Ortiz, Roswell Police Department

Guests present: Larry Connelly, Bob Carroll, Melissa Loucks, and Allison Penn, RDR.

**APPROVAL AGENDA AND MINUTES**

1. Councilor Foster motioned to approve the agenda and minutes from the November 13, 2018, Public Safety meeting as presented, Councilor Moore was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Henderson being absent.

**REGULAR ITEMS**

2. Proposed Ordinance 18-11 Nuisances Properties

Bill Morris of Community Development provided Committee with information on the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would define nuisance activities on private property and would allow the City to cite into municipal court after the City has determined that three or more nuisance activities have occurred at the premises during a twelve-month period. After discussion, Councilor Stubbs recommended to the Committee amending the text regarding Section 16-50 Definitions as follows: under Nuisance Violation definition "same property" be amended to read "same address"; Section 16-60 "owner of the premises" be amended to read "owner of the property". Chair Best motioned to send Proposed Ordinance 18-11 Nuisances Properties back to the Legal Committee for review. Councilor Moore was the second. The motion passed 2-1 with Councilor Foster voting no and Councilor Henderson being absent.

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

#### 3. Proposed Resolution 19-xx Donation of Unused Equipment

The proposed resolution is to consider the approval of the transfer of a surplus cab and chassis from the City of Roswell to Otero County. Chief Graham informed the Committee that it would require an additional \$20,000.00 investment to make the 2008 Ford cab operable. The department believes this would not be cost effective. It is currently located in Albuquerque and non-operable. Councilor Moore motioned for approval of the 2008 Ford F-550 surplus cab and chassis transfer to Otero County. Councilor Foster was the second. The motion passed 3-0, with Councilor Henderson being absent.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 4. Purchase of Cardiac Monitors (Informational Only)

Chief Graham informed the Committee that the current cardiac monitors are 10-12 years old and do not currently support new technology. The original maker of the monitors Phillips, no longer supports them. The purchase of new monitors, will allow them to be technologically advanced and supported. The purchase will be through the Fire Protection Grant monies as emergency medical equipment, which is allowable. Utilizing in-house financing will allow five payments over a four-year period. Standard warranty for the units are six months, but an additional warranty can be purchased. Chief Graham recommended that EMS Chief Mann provide the Committee additional information. Chief Mann stated that the monitors not only defibrillate, but also have the ability to transmit electrocardiogram, blood pressure, pulse, and CPR stats through Wi-Fi capabilities. An additional terminal may be required in order to transmit in hot spots. This capability will allow the hospital to begin the preparation for cardiac protocol.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 5. Ambulance Update

Chief Graham updated the Committee that the business plan and data currently are in the process. No subtenant information at this time.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 6. Animal Control Update

Captain Gonzales gave the Committee the update on Animal Control. In the year 2018, 4,069 animals passed through the facility with 2,947 being adopted, reclaimed, and taken by rescues or Humane Society. There were 1,122 euthanized and the department is attempting to implement that the County pay for euthanasia of any animals brought in by them. A seven-day rule is in the process of being implemented opposed to the twenty-one day rule also. This will be more cost effective and currently the Legal Department is reviewing. As of January 2019, tracking for the County intakes has also begun.

Animal Control will be adopting a new process for rescues. Rescue groups to be notified that, at zero to four days, animals are not up for adoption, day five through seven, they will be up for adoption. If rescuers are interested, they can put a tag and on the eighth day, can pick up the animal. The department cannot continue to maintain animals for a twenty-one day period so they will be adopting this process.

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### 7. Combined Dispatch Update

Mr. Mathews and Deputy Chief Stanton gave the update to the Committee; currently they are short three dispatchers. Ms. Jennings is working on advertising for the positions. A digital communicator installed on Comanche Hill had a few minor difficulties on frequencies. Deputy Chief Stanton informed the Committee that the next step would be to verify that the frequencies and tunings of the repeater are correct on the portables and digital. Placing additional antennas on the tower could possibly resolve the issue. The department has sought a second opinion from another company to make sure the programming and specs are accurate.

### 8. RPD Update

Phil Smith, Police Chief gave the current update to the Committee. They are down sixteen full time, ten in the process but have not been sworn in. Currently, six will be attending the next academy on January 27, 2019. They have one lateral from Georgia, two from Colorado, one from Colorado was released and the other waiting. The department does not seem to have had any impact by the pay scale comparisons, housing, or the oilfield industry.

## **INFORMATION**

Ms. Melissa Loucks of 1304 N Pennsylvania, Roswell, NM representing New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, a 501c3 group, speaking in behalf of the Company President, Miranda Viscoli. The City Manager asked the group to present their information to the Committee since a scheduled buyback with the

Police Department was cancelled in December. There was some confusion regarding what the buyback was about. The company organizes, pays for the gun buybacks and dismantles them on site according to ATF standards. They are not anti-gun and are about prevention including the student pledge against gun violence and teaching safe gun practices to parents. Their purpose is getting rid of unwanted guns through their buyback programs and education. They have currently held nine buybacks with the Police & Sheriff's Departments in New Mexico. It is 100 percent anonymous, but they are asked to complete a survey. The survey has shown 60 percent participation of buy backs being due to safety concerns.

Ms. Loucks was informed to present a formal request to be placed on the agenda for the Committee meeting next month.

### **INFORMATION**

Next meeting February 19, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

### **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

None

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.