

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2014**

Call to Order

Chairman McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the police department training room. In attendance: Chairman/Alderman McIvor, Alderman Kenny and Alderman Belczak, Chief Brown, Deputy Chief John Cooper, Administrator Vana.

Public Comment and Communications

There were no public comment or communications presented.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 18, 2014, Police Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

K-9 Vehicle purchase

Staff advised the FYE15 budget includes the replacement of a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV K9 vehicle that has come to the end of its useful service life. The mechanic rated this vehicle and advised it should be replaced using the City's vehicle replacement policy. Staff now comes to the Committee and Council to order and purchase the vehicle. The total cost of the project was budgeted at \$39,000 from line item 40-4815. The committee unanimously approved recommending the vehicle purchase.

Crime Free Housing Ordinance Schedule

Staff reviewed the Crime Free housing Ordinance implementation schedule for May through September.

Conceal and Carry Policy, Officials, Employees, and Agents

Staff advised the State of Illinois recently passed the Illinois Firearms Concealed Carry Act, which allows people to carry certain weapons in some places while following regulations in the law. Our legal counsel has advised us to implement a policy on weapons on City property. Staff advised the proposed policy prohibits employees and visitors from carrying weapons on City property, which is also prohibited in the Illinois Firearms Concealed Carry Act. Additionally, City Officials are prohibited from carrying weapons while acting on behalf of the City, even where firearms are allowed. Police officers authorized to carry weapons are listed as an exception in this policy. At the February 17th Police Committee meeting, a questions was asked as to whether this impacts conceal and carry at Heritage Center businesses. This policy does not change the status of weapons at the Heritage Center. As a government owned building, weapons are not allowed there under the existing Act. The committee approved recommending the policy by a 2-1 vote. (Chairman/Alderman McIvor and Alderman Belczak voted yes, Alderman Kenny voted no.

Training Demonstration – Firearms Simulator

The Police Department provided a demonstration on the firearms simulator used for police officer firearms training.

Adjournment The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
Thomas Belczak