

Public Safety Meeting

September 4, 2019

Attendee: Erin Moberg, Jill Boudreau, Mary Hudson, Melissa Beaton, Mark Hulst, Gary Molenaar, Iris Carias, Richard Brocksmith, Peter Donovan, Chief Bryan Brice

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2019 by Councilmember Hulst, seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Minutes adopted

Interim Chief Chris Cammock, Police Department

Chief Cammock provided the Council a state of the police department overview to include:

- Change has occurred with Chief Dodd retiring and Cammock taking the Interim role.
- Chief Cammock's work experience has served under four previous MV Chiefs and does not plan to deviate from the community-based philosophy and approach taken to police the community.
- Discussed the Department's "Business Engine" divided into four major components; Responsive Ability – Uniformed First Responders, Capacity (Community) Building Component – Crime Prevention/Education, Keeper of Public Record and Property Component – Records & Property Division, Planning, organization, logistics – Administrative.
- Chief Cammock discussed the beliefs behind the organizations direction as "community based" in approach that is supported by social science research of Normative Sponsorship & Critical Social Theory.
- Chief Cammock stated that shared responsibilities, Open/two way exchange, adaptability and prevention versus the reaction are the motivating forces behind their approach.
- Both products (Citizens Academy, Block Watch, business & community educational classes) and services (investigations, information requests, crime prevention studies) are delivered by the agency.
- Chief Cammock outlined that problem solving success comes in different ways; Solving the problem, reducing it to fewer incidents, reducing the harm or severity, handling incidents in an improved way or removing the problem and putting it in an appropriate system to handle it.
- Discussed different metrics used to measure the results.
- Chief Cammock discussed some of the current issues going on in the police department:
 - State vs. Rivas trial just completed. Significant emotional and workload impact.
 - Lieutenant Greg Booth transitioning to hiring duties formally held by Chief Cammock.
 - Outreach Coordinator has an intern, Dori, working with her as part of her degree program.
 - Northriver Commercial emphasis progress update.
 - RM Messina secured a Denied Firearms Grant that would reimburse up to \$750 for investigation time by Records for denied firearm applications.
 - RM Messina secured a grant to address the backlog of records that need destruction.
 - New 12 hour schedule is going well and addressing some unforeseen impacts like field training scheduling.
 - As of June, Records staff have received and processed 684 public disclosure requests.
 - Police Volunteer Recognition event – over 40 service awards and Eileen Beitler recognized as first Gold Star award recipient – 3500 hours/20+ years of service.

- Downtown business member thankful for work considered “above and beyond” for ACO Emily DenHartog donating \$300 to the PD for animal related needs.
- Chief Cammock completed the session with an overview on hiring:
 - Three officers have come out of the academy and are in field training.
 - Two officers are headed to the academy late September
 - One officer hired August 28th has been accepted to a November academy.
 - Park Ranger is being hired September 25, 2019.
 - Final stages of hiring process for the Administrative Assistant position.
 - Police Officer hiring is continuous
 - One officer retired in September 2019 and anticipating a second in February 2020. Both will have at least 20 years of service.

Adjourn: 7:15 pm