

Ordinance & Police Committee Meeting – January 29, 2019

The Ordinance & Police Committee of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on January 29, 2019. Chairman MICHAEL CHAUSSE called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following committee members answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, and CHRIS KOPP. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH.

Also present were BARRY COOPER, Alderman, JAY DOHERTY, Alderman, JIM HOLMES, Alderman, CHRIS SULLIVAN, Interim Administrator / Chief of Police, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

Approval of Committee Minutes: Motion was made by ALD. KOPP and seconded by ALD. BERTRAND to approve the Ordinance & Police Committee meeting minutes of 01/14/19 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Old Business – No Report.

New Business –

*Discussion Regarding the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program:* The Aledo PD and Mercer County SD worked with the Mercer County Health Department as they applied for a grant to fund a new program for the County. The departments have agreed to be a part of the new Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program in Mercer County. The Circuit Court and the Mercer County School District, along with the State's Attorney's Office and Genesis Hospital, will also be a part of the program.

The Health Department received the grant, and a portion of the grant is designated to pay for 50% of an Aledo officer's time and 100% of a Mercer County Deputy's time. We are eligible for reimbursement for 20 hours per week, at the rate of a newly hired officer. We are allowed to supplant and there is no necessity, at this time, to hire an additional officer or add additional hours to the schedules of the currently employed officers.

The LEAD program is part of an overarching strategy, designed to better meet the mental health needs and behavioral threat response needs of this community.

Motion was made by ALD. BERTRAND and seconded by ALD. KOPP to support the Aledo Police Department entering into the LEAD program with the Mercer County Health Department and the Mercer County Sheriff's Department, and recommends sending the item to the full City Council for final approval. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk