

Joint Ordinance & Police and Personnel Committee – June 24, 2019

A Joint Ordinance & Police and Personnel Committee meeting of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on June 24, 2019. Ordinance & Police Committee Chairman MICHAEL CHAUSSE called the Committee meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following committee members answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, and JIM HOLMES. Mayor CHRIS HAGLOCH. Alderman DENNIS DIXON and CHRIS KOPP were excused.

Also present BARRY COOPER, Alderman, LINDA SARABASA, Alderman, CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN, Interim City Administrator / Chief of Police, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The following was discussed:

Approval of Committee Minutes: Motion was made by ALD. BERTRAND and seconded by ALD. BEWLEY to approve the meeting minutes of the Ordinance & Police Committee meeting held on January 29, 2019 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Motion was made by ALD. BERTRAND and seconded by ALD. HOLMES to approve the meeting minutes of the Joint Water, Sewer & Storm Drain and Personnel Committee meeting held on May 23, 2019 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Old Business: ALD. CHAUSSE reported the Ordinance & Police Committee to discuss a potential ordinance regarding the regulation of lighted signage within the corporate limits of Aledo. The item to be reviewed and discussed further at a later date.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by ALD. CHAUSSE and seconded by ALD. BEWLEY to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- A. Personnel Section 2(c)(1) Open Meetings Act.

A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, and Holmes. NO: None. Motion carried. 4 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:04 P.M.

Reconvene in Open Session:

Committee reconvened in open session at 7:25 P.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BERTRAND, BEWLEY, CHAUSSE, HOLMES, and MAYOR HAGLOCH, as well as, ALDERMAN COOPER, ALDERMAN SARABASA, CHIEF SULLIVAN, DPW BLASER, and CITY CLERK DALE.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the creation of a Police Officer Applicant List: CHIEF Sullivan reported the last officer on the applicant list was hired last fall and looking to move forward with the testing process again.

MAYOR Hagloch suggested the City review current employee stipends and to accomplish keeping our officers in Aledo. The Committee encouraged the stipends be reviewed during budget time.

CHIEF reported the City utilizes tests and scores to determine the applicant listing. The City will conduct a physical agility test and candidates to the Police Academy will re-do the physical agility testing there as well. City Staff would like to advertise for the testing of new officer candidates for the applicant list.

The Committee reported they were okay with moving forward with the testing for city police officers.

Discussion regarding current review of Aledo Police Department Staffing:

CHIEF Sullivan reported Sgt. Baker will act as the SRO Officer while Lt. Seefeld is on medical leave.

Discussion regarding the School Resource Officer Program:

CHIEF reported the SRO program is scheduled 4-hours a day and consumes a lot of our man-power during day-shift hours. The City is compensated for the program by MCSD in the amount of \$25,000. Under Illinois law, an SRO officer must be a police officer and cannot be retired, per CHIEF Sullivan.

ALD. CHAUSSE reported he has reached out to State Representative Swanson to see if the law can be changed regarding the requirement in Illinois of a police officer being the only person allowed to be a SRO.

The Committee inquired about specific hours for the SRO to be on-site at the schools. CHIEF reported the hours are not consecutive and cover 8:00a.m. (arrive to school period), the lunch period, and end-of-day period. The City is under a contract for the next two (2) years. No further discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN BEWLEY and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk