

Police Department Committee Meeting June 13, 2024

The Police Department Committee was called to order by Chairman Bryan Davidson at 6:39pm on June 13, 2024, in the council chambers. Members present include Bryan, Neil, Kelly, Jacque and Tony. Also present were Mark Meints, Lori Novotny and Jon Palmquist.

Mark Meints gave an update on the police department, he said the pd was clean and all weapons are accounted for. Mark mentioned that our department must be audited, so he will be working with Jordan to make sure everything is up to date with training hours and accreditation. Mark is currently taking orders from the mayor and has been doing inventory and a permit for ATV, UTV and golf carts.

Bryan thanked Mark for stepping back in to get things taken care of.

Jon asked what coverage do we currently have? Bryan responded we currently have no coverage; Sherriff's office will answer the state statue calls.

Bryan mentioned that he had been aware of what calls Bobby had been answering and noted that it was not many self-initiated calls, or night and weekend calls.

The job posting for the Police Chief was discussed, Bryan was going to add a line in the old posting that a successful applicant will have managements skills. It was discussed to start the chief pay at \$65,000, after management \$68,000, then after 6 months move to \$70,000. We need to make sure during the interview process that the pay is clear. The chief offer is in line with most other places. There are currently only 2 other chief positions posted. Need to investigate what the process is to get certified across state lines. Nebraska pays more than Kansas. What is the current reciprocity?

Discussed a possible ordinance officer on agenda.

Bryan said that he had reached out to Bobby a few times and he never accepted the invitation. Neil also commented that he had talked to Bobby after he started and was told if he was not law enforcement then he didn't want to take advice from him.

Lori and Jon would like to see a police presence, need to have a deterrent, the town currently feels wide open.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly at 7:23pm