

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 20, 2018

7:00 P.M.

**Police Training Room 4th Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Maria Jones, Councilwoman Vickye James

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Vanessa Weinert

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Fire Chief Chet Harvey, Director of Public Safety/ Police Chief Harry Snellings

The minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

Public Comment/Persons to address the Committee

Mr. Whitford: I'm just here to see if there's anything going on with the constable position. I was told it was supposed to be tonight. The mayor was supposed to present the names that he had tonight. At least that's what I think I understood.

Councilwoman Jones: That's good because the last comment I got was that there was a list of people they were going through and some people that maybe had applied, but I don't have the final list. Maybe you do Todd.

Mr. Thomas: I believe the mayor may be talking to the council, probably in executive session after the work session tonight. Because it's a personnel matter.

Councilwoman Jones: Alright, so you should know something soon enough.

Councilwoman James: Are you going to be at the work session? You could probably ask.

Mr. Whitford: I might as well listen in. it just seems kind of foolish that it's taking so long. You've got Dan Hill, for example, who's had his application in for I don't know how long and for some reason the mayor remembers that he used a bad address years ago. Now maybe he was going after a house and it turned out to be not acceptable and I guess the address turned out to be condemned and vacant. He was offered that house and he thought he was going to use that address. Maybe he'd seen it and told Arthur no. But that was back - he's got all the qualifications. I don't understand why he hasn't been appointed. We've got Marie, God love her, but...

Councilwoman Jones: Well, we'll know soon. We'll go through the process with the mayor and find out what they're thinking.

RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is administering the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown is eligible to receive funding under the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through a joint application process, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Police Chief/Director of Public Safety be and they hereby are authorized and directed to receive grant funds to be utilized by the Jamestown Police Department in the amount of Eighteen Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$18,651.00). This item appears on the Finance Committee agenda.

Note: These proceeds will be used by the Jamestown Police Department to fund the purchase of computers.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

2. RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Utilities be, and it hereby is, requested to install a new LED Class L2 street light at the following location: Pole 27110 Lakeview Avenue.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

3. RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Utilities be, and it hereby is, requested to install a new LED Class L2 street light at the following location: Pole 19795 Falconer Street.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

4. RESOLVED, that Mayor Samuel Teresi, and Director of Public Safety Harry Snellings be, and they hereby are, authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Jamestown School District for providing three (3) School Resource Officers in the Jamestown Public Schools for a term of one (1) year beginning September 1, 2018 and ending August 31, 2019, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form. This item appears on the Finance Committee Agenda.

Councilwoman Jones: So that's three resource officers in the schools.

Chief Snellings: They're fully funded, too, by the schools.

Councilwoman James: What schools are those?

Chief Snellings: It will be the same; the high school, one at the administrative building and then the third one is assigned to the three middle schools and he just rotates.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

5. RESOLVED, the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to accept an Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,135. This item appears on the Finance Committee Agenda.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

6. WHEREAS, a Neighborhood Watch Committee has been organized in the vicinity of Barrett, Superior and Charles St. for the purpose of deterring crime in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Barrett, Superior and Charles St. Neighborhood Watch Program has the support and approval of the Jamestown Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown Police Department has received funding for the purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs with the understanding that the City of Jamestown will erect the signs and assume the responsibility for the maintenance of said signs, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works be, and he hereby is, authorized to erect and maintain said signs in appropriate places on the aforesaid street.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

7. RESOLVED, That Traffic Officer Adam McKinley be and he hereby is authorized to attend the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course to be held in Rochester, New York, October 22 - 23, 2018 with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

This item appears on the Finance Committee Meeting Agenda.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2002 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200201C03 that effective immediately and until further notice instituted a hiring freeze for the City of Jamestown, and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2006 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200611B17 to extend the freeze to any change in employment from Part-Time to Full-Time status, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Police Department an effort to effectively manage the city's day-to-day responsibilities in a cost efficient manner, it is in the City of Jamestown's best interest to lift the hiring freeze for a certain position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective immediately the Jamestown City Council hereby suspends the hiring freeze instituted by resolution number 200201C03 and resolution number 200611B17 and authorizes the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

- Two Police Officers in the Jamestown Police Department (funded in the 2018 General Fund Budget).

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the August 27th meeting.

1. Taxi Rate Card Request – Fasiel Haruna – Cameron Transport (reviewed and approved via e-mail).

The members approved the request.

2. Special Event Application – Healing Word Ministries Church of God – Tent Church Revival – September 14 – 16, 2018.

The members approved the request.

3. Special Event Application – First Lutheran Church – Worship and Songfest – August 25, 2018.

The members approved the request.

4. Special Event Application – Jamestown Area Soap Box Derby – Jamestown Area Soap Box Derby Rally – October 13-14, 2018.

The members approved the request.

5. Special Event Application – Jamestown NOW/JRC – The Great Jamestown Chalkwalk – September 8, 2018.

The members approved the request.

6. Special Event Application – Community Alliance for Suicide Prevention – Glow Your Mind 5K – August 25, 2018.

The members approved the request.

7. Special Event Application – Chautauqua Striders – Daniel Feather Memorial 5K – September 2, 2018.

The members approved the request.

8. Special Event – Lucy Desi National Comedy Center – Classic Car Club Events 8/10 and 9/22/18. (reviewed and approved via e-mail).

The members approved the request.

9. Block Party Request – Carrie Munday – Crown Street – August 4, 2018 (reviewed and approved via e-mail).

The members approved the request.

10. Block Party Request – Tom Nelson – Hunter Street – August 19, 2018 (reviewed and approved by e-mail).

The members approved the request.

11. Block Party Request – Denise DeAngelo – Beechview Avenue – August 25, 2018.

The members approved the request.

12. Block Party Request – Katie Bell – Hazzard Street – August 5, 2018 (reviewed and approved via e-mail).

The members approved the request.

13. Block Party Request – En’Tierron Foster – Eagle Street – August 26, 2018.

The members approved the request.

14. Block Party Request – Free Methodist Church – East Seventh St. - August 25, 2018.

The members approved the request.

15. Parking Space Request – Pine Street.

Mr. Thomas: Because there wasn’t a letter in there, I’ll just say, Pete Schiera that owns Jamestown Skate Products came to my office and asked me to have traffic look into that because he has a space in front of his store which has not been a spot, but then people park there and get ticketed and sometimes they don’t get ticketed. And so, there was a question about if it was a spot and if it wasn’t, could it become one. And then you have the report from traffic.

Councilwoman Jones: This is to Jeff Lehman, Director of Public Works from Kris Brown, Traffic Engineering Supervisor on August the 17th and that is a JSP parking space. It says, Jeff I am following up on the request from Pete Schiera from Jamestown Skate Products for a parking space to be added in front of his business on Pine Street. I measure the area and there is adequate space for a parking spot, but putting a new spot there creates a hazard; visibility and a bad location for people exiting the Black Bear Alley on Pine Street if there is a vehicle parked in the new spot. I would not recommend adding a space to this area.

And that’s from Kris Brown, the DPW Traffic Supervisor. So, it can’t happen until they can come up with something different or something better than what he’s looking at right now. We’ll not accept this right now, the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd M. Thomas
Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk

Emailed to members 9/13/2018