

CITY OF NORWICH
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

August 27, 2009

Present:

Ald. Carey
Ald. Deierlein

Also:

City Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
EMO A. Jones
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake

Absent:

Ald. Bresina, Chairman

In the absence of Chairman Ald. Bresina, Ald. Carey called the August meeting of the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order at 7:04 PM on August 27, 2009, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2009, meeting. Seconded by Ald. Carey, duly approved ayes all.

Visitors - None

Correspondence - None

Department Head Reports

Fire Department Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo reported that the new fire truck is due to be delivered on Monday, August 31.

Police Department

K9 Unit

Police Chief Joseph Angelino reported that the German shepherd has been received, microchipped, tattooed, x-rayed, examined, and declared to be in perfect condition. Training begins the Tuesday after Labor Day in Walnutport, Pennsylvania, and will last from four to six weeks. The officer will be trained with the dog. Chief Angelino is investigating the expense for the officer's attendance at training. The oldest police vehicle has been adapted for K9 use and marked. A press release will be issued when the dog completes training. The private donor has submitted her donation.

Handguns

Chief Angelino has received a quote on the new handguns. For 21 new Glock handguns, with rebate for the old guns, the total price will be \$1,990. Holsters will be an additional \$4,400. The handguns are equipped with a mini-flashlight and require fitted holsters. Holsters will be purchased by individual officers as part of their clothing allowance.

LiveScan/CardScan Fingerprint Technology

Chief Angelino reported that the deadline for the State-mandated electronic fingerprinting technology is January 10, 2010. In discussions with the State Department of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS"), the Norwich PD may be able to purchase the system through a grant by providing a 10% match of approximately \$3,500, resulting in significant savings to the City. The DCJS also suggested that as no CardScan equipment will be located in Chenango County, it would be advantageous for the City to also purchase that equipment to aid smaller communities that will not have the capability of accessing LiveScan in-house. Ald. Carey asked about annual maintenance costs. Chief Angelino said that annual maintenance would be from \$2,100 to \$3,600, with a slight

increase if both systems are obtained. He noted that it is not allowed to charge other communities to use this equipment.

EMO

EMO A. Jones presented the proposed changes to the FEMA flood map for the City of Norwich. He pointed out that significant portions of the City that were formerly included in the flood plain have been removed, while a few other areas have been included. Overall, the changes are not as drastic as originally anticipated. FEMA will hold meetings with County and City officials on September 2 and 3 for discussion. Ald. Deierlein asked about notifying property owners whose status has changed. A. Jones will address that concern at the FEMA meetings.

DPW

RBCs Bid

DPW Superintendent C. Ivarson reported that five bids were received for the RBCs Replacement/Repair project. He noted that the lowest qualified bidder, Jett Industries, Inc., has done a great deal of similar work. He is concerned about possible damage to the fiberglass covers when they are removed, but noted that replacement costs are covered in the contract above the bid price. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend to the Finance/Personnel Committee acceptance of the lowest qualified bid, Jett Industries, Inc., for \$2,589,000. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Screw Pumps

C. Ivarson noted that the screw pump rebuilt nine months ago has failed. The manufacturer will honor the warranty.

Radio Purchase from Police Department

C. Ivarson reported that the current DPW radios last about 2-3 hours in the field. The Water System wants to purchase the police radios that are being replaced. Chief Angelino has researched costs and with three sets of batteries, rack charger, speaker mike, etc., the Department would charge the Water System \$1,500 per set, with 18 radios included, for a total of \$4,500. The radios will need to be reprogrammed. C. Ivarson noted that new radios would cost \$800 each, and that this will be paid for from the Wastewater equipment budget. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend the purchase to the Finance/Personnel Committee. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Salt Contract

C. Ivarson reported that the salt contract for seven counties was rejected because it involved a 100% increase. He will not know the final results for at least two more months, but anticipates a 70%-80% increase. Director of Finance William Roberts noted that research shows energy costs are anticipated to rise less than anticipated, with little to no increase for natural gas and a modest increase of 4.5% in electricity, so this will allow some leeway in the budget.

Creeks

C. Ivarson presented a letter from the NYS DEC to the Committee, which requested that the banks on Ransford Creek be removed to allow for a larger flood plain. He will not accede to such a request.

Paving 2009

C. Ivarson stated that paving has been completed. There was an increase in costs of \$22,000 because of additional work performed on Birdsall, Burr, and Borden Avenues and on Calvary Drive, which required substrate. Some work on Calvary Drive is being billed directly by the contractor to the Town of Norwich.

Executive Session

Ald. Carey **moved** to enter executive session at 7:31 a.m. to discuss the employment histories of particular individuals and matters potentially involving labor negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Ald. Carey **moved** to exit executive session at 7:44 a.m. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Carey **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 a.m.. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.