

Public Safety Committee Minutes and Report to Council
5:00 p.m., March 30, 2023

Roll Call: Dave Slaughter
 Mike Morris
 Mayor Kleiss
 Drew Hoel
 Alta Long
 Craig Hastings
 Brian Moody
 Mike Salmon

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Capital Plan. Long presented the proposed FY2024 Capital Plan, which includes significant planned spending on new building construction for the Fire Department and Police Shooting Range and remodeling of the existing Police Station. Committee members discussed the timing and scope of these building projects, as well as alternatives in the event that acceptable bids are not received. The Capital Plan also includes some evidence tracking software, network upgrades, and body cams in the Police Dept. and turnout gear, EMS coveralls and AED's in the Fire Dept.
- Equipment Replacement Plan. Long presented the proposed FY2024 Equipment Replacement Plan, which includes two squad cars in the Police Dept. These have already been approved and ordered, and one of them is to be delivered next week.
- Building and Electrical Inspection. Long presented the proposed budget, which is mostly unchanged from last year. Electrical license fees are down slightly due to state licensing replacing local licenses for new licensees. As in the other departments, wage lines are projected but do not reflect an actual recommendation or proposal for wages.
- Police Department.
 - Property tax revenue is higher to reflect the levy that was increased due to TIF termination.
 - Salaries are increased substantially to accommodate one additional officer, in the hopes that we can get back to full strength of 8 full-time officers. Chief Hastings and committee members discussed challenges and strategies for filling vacancies, including wage and benefit considerations.
 - Capital Outlay includes the building improvements and vehicle purchases mentioned above, as well as the implementation of the body cams for police officers. These will be mandatory by 2025 pursuant to the SAFE-T Act.
 - Travel, Training and Education is increased from \$8,500 to \$12,500 in order to comply with other training mandates of the SAFE-T Act.
- Fire Department.
 - Property tax revenue is higher to reflect the levy that was increased due to TIF termination.
 - Grant Income includes the \$100,000 State DCEO grant for the fire building construction.

- Committee members discussed the Foreign Fire Insurance distribution from the State, which is estimated at \$14,500. Chief Moody will provide proposed names of members of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board, whom Mayor Kleiss will then consider for appointment. This board is now required in order to make recommendations for use of those funds and also to designate the Illinois Municipal League as the collection agent for those funds. These are necessary steps to continue to receive this source of funding.
- Capital Outlay includes the building improvements and equipment mentioned above.
- Vehicle Fuel and Vehicle Maintenance are increased.
- Small Equipment includes funding for equipment and furniture for the proposed building addition and replacement of several fire nozzles.
- Chief Moody discussed his intention to apply for funding from the Cabot Foundation. Committee members suggested that the building improvements would be a suitable project for which to seek funding.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.