



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Linda Price
Committee member Kenny Orr
Committee member Kyle Hurley
Committee member Lea Greenleaf
Committee member Mark Emerson
Committee member Ann Gallagher
Committee member Greg Gilkey

ABSENT

Committee member Russell Rice

OTHERS

Major Brent Barbour, NPD
Battalion Chief Chad Roney, NFD
Russell Anderson, Comm. Systems Manager
Kim Coffman, Budget Manager
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Bill Scanlon, Citizen
David Grizzle, NFD

Chair Price called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Member Orr moved to approve the February 8, 2024 Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes which was duly seconded by Member Greenleaf. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Minutes from February 8, 2024.

REPORTS

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Kim Coffman gave the report. She stated that the City is currently about 4% or \$425,000 below their revenue target budget as of the end of February. The School Resource Officer (SRO) reimbursements for services provided to Norman Public Schools have still not been received. "I sent the school district an invoice for the first two quarters back in January. I've been waiting for direction. I believe the only issue there is that I was told to bill for the full amount that was estimated and the school district has verbally committed to paying less than that or \$700,000. I think that's the snag," Coffman said. According to the City of Norman Police Chief, collection of these payments have been left up to the City's Finance Director and City Manager. The City has received some surplus in use tax. This is making up for some of the gap in the missing SRO reimbursements.

There were two payrolls in February. Coffman states that the City continues to spend conservatively. "All three departments in the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund are about 20% below the budgeted target for expenditures - through the month of February," Coffman stated.

Items submitted for the record:

Financial Reports

3. MONTHLY UPDATES

a) FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Battalion Chief Chad Roney gave the update. The pre-build meeting for the newly purchased mid-mount, aerial ladder occurred a few weeks ago. This unit is expected to be in service by spring of 2025 and will be run out of Station One. Engine three is expected to be in service by spring of 2025 as well.

Fire station five and fire station six are currently only offering Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level medical services when responding to calls. This is after the Fire Fighters' Union filed grievances over the department's paramedic protocols. These two stations are the only stations in Norman that were providing paramedic level care. It is unknown when their paramedic services will be reinstated.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Major Brent Barbour gave the update. School Resource Officers are in the planning phase for their summer community assignments that include such things like Safety Town. Four additional SROs will be in the schools by August. The plan for the County's SRO officers is unclear at this time. Norman Police Department continues to prepare for spring activities such as the Norman Music Festival and Medieval Fair. The twenty-first Norman Citizen's Police Academy has started. The department has nine cadets in the Police Academy and 11 in field training. There are about 300 applicants for the August 2024 Police Academy. "We're taking just over 52 interviews," Barbour said. "This puts us in a really good spot. The best spot we've been in, in quite some time."

c) DISPATCH UPDATES

Russell Anderson gave the update. Four individuals recently graduated from the Dispatch Academy. "They are all doing fantastic," Anderson said. "The academy is looking much better. We have some tools put in place to really make them (dispatchers) successful." The next Dispatch Academy starts March 29, 2024. There are currently two applicants that Anderson expects will participate in this academy.

"I ran into (Moore Police) Chief Gibson. He's working on wrapping up his stock of compatible radios and he plans, when that time comes, to come over to our (radio) system," Anderson said.

A mental health call taker position has been made available at the Communications Center.

d) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) UPDATES

Major Brent Barbour gave the update. There, currently, are no concerns of time-line delays in the construction of the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC). Most of the necessary building materials that had delay concerns are now available. The expectation is that the ECOC will open in July 2024. "We are having discussions with the University (of Oklahoma), nothing confirmed right now, but it's very likely we'll move all daily operations to that (ECOC) facility," Barbour said. The ECOC storage facility is open for bid. The bidding process closes March 28, 2024.

4. ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR THE APRIL 11, 2024 MEETING

The topics for the next meeting will remain the same.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Kyle Hurley stated, "I will be curious, when the Public Safety Study comes back, what this group will be tasked with."

Hurley said that the Norman Regional Hospital Porter Campus will be turned into what is being called a "health village". This is expected to include the Adult Wellness and Education Center, a behavioral medicine facility, an urgent care facility, and more.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gilkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Member Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee