

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 13, 2022

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. via 201 W. Gray St. City Council Chambers, on the 13th day of October 2022, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Mike Rainer, Kenny Orr, Kyle Hurley, and Greg Gilkey

ABSENT: Members Russell Rice and Lea Greenleaf

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: FOP (position vacant)
OU (position vacant)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Major Barbour, NPD
Assistant Chief Jason Smith, NFD

CITIZENS PRESENT: Bill Scanlon
Roger Gallagher

Item 1, being

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 4 pm. She welcomed staff and guests to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

Item 2, being

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022.

There were no minutes to approve from the September 8 meeting as it was cancelled for a lack of a quorum. Chair Price stated that the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting should have been included in this packet since they could not be approved at the canceled September 8 meeting. She

requested that they be included in the November meeting packet to be approved with the minutes from the current meeting. No other action taken.

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ITEM 3, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Jacob Huckabaa gave the update. He stated that year to date revenue is about 7% below the budget target and sales tax is about 4% below target. Spending for all departments have been below budget targets.

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Jason Smith gave the update. We had 16 recruits graduate from the Academy. Our new fire engine is expected to be delivered next spring and a brush unit should be delivered in December.

Police Department and Dispatch

Major Barbour gave the update. The Citizen's Police Academy is about halfway complete. SRO statistics for the 21-22 school year consisted of 3 physical arrests with 2 of those being unrelated to the school or students; 32 non-custodial charges where they were able to stabilize the situation; 15 citations were issued stemming from 3 separate incidents; 6 protective custodies of children related to child welfare; 53 protective custodies related to crisis intervention. School threats have increased in frequency over the last few years. Dispatch has 4 vacancies currently with 3 applicants in training and 1 applicant in the background check phase. We are currently down 26 commissioned officers. We have 5 recruits in the Academy currently and 4 officers are in field training. 12 applicants are starting the background check phase for the January Academy and there will be another Academy in June. There are also 4 lateral candidates from other agencies. There was an incident this month where an individual had barricaded themselves in a home and fired several rounds at officers over a 12 hour period. Cleveland County and the Moore Police Department assisted with a Bearcat and no officers were hit by gunfire.

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ITEM 4, being

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) PROJECT

Major Barbour gave the update. He stated that the last few weeks have consisted of extensive value engineering, but the square footage of the facility has been maintained and the full building will still be hardened. Final construction documents are expected mid-November and we will go

to bid by the end of November. We hope to receive the bids by Christmas. The ground breaking has been scheduled for January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

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Item 5, being

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MEETING

Member Hurley requested an agenda item to discuss a recommendation to Council in support of using Seizure funds to purchase a Bearcat. All Committee Members agree and would like the Police Department to present some data on Bearcats and the Seizure fund.

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Item 6, being

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Member Gallagher thanked Member Hurley for making this agenda item suggestion. Chair Price told the Police Department well done in the way they handled the barricade incident.

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Item 7, being

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:10 pm