



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 21, 2022

1:30 pm

Eldridge City Hall 305 N 3rd Street

Call to order July 21 @ 1:33 by Mayor Frank King. Committee members present are Dan Collins, Mayor Frank King, Tony Rupe & Police Chief Joe Sisler. Absent are Bruce Cheek and Keith Schneckloth. Also present are Andrew Lellig, & Garret Jahns. **Note Committee Member Fire Chief Keith Schneckloth joins at 1:42pm.

COPS grant. Garrett Jahns explains that the COPS grant has been applied for and the awarding will be this fall. The max grant award is \$125k. The grant was written so that the Federal share would be 100% of the new officers salary and benefits (\$105,306) the first year, 17% (\$19,694) the second year, and 0% the third year. The city of Eldridge would be responsible for 0% the first year, 83% (\$90,586) the second year, and 100% (\$116,458) the third year. Jahns explained that the proportions could likely be changed as needed, but the max federal award remains at \$125k. Jahns and Sisler explained that the grant has been submitted, but if it was awarded and the city did not want to participate, the award could be turned down. Sisler shared that North Scott Schools could be requesting a second School Resource Officer, in which the COPS grant and the 12th officer would be needed.

28E Agreement with North Scott Schools. North Scott Schools (NS) and the City of Eldridge currently share a police officer known as the School Resource Officer. All training, wages, benefits and equipment for the school resource officer are split 50/50 between NS and Eldridge. The most recent 28E agreement that we have on file expired in 2013. An updated agreement needs to be composed and submitted to NS for agreement on an annual basis.

K9 Program. The Eldridge Police Department desires to start a K9 unit within the police department. A cost worksheet was presented that shows initial startup costs to be \$96,498 which includes the K9, training, equipment and a new outfitted Chevy Tahoe. Annual care and training is estimated at \$7,200. Chief Sisler informed the committee at no time would any cost of the K9 program be supplied by the City of Eldridge. All costs, current and future, will be funded by donations. The committee had several questions about training, insurance, health care, etc. The Eldridge Police Department will be holding a fundraiser on August 2, 2022. The police department's goal is to raise 100% of funding by July 1, 2023 to begin the program. Estimated service life of the K9 is 6-8 years.

Submitted by Tony Rupe