Minutes of Joint Finance and Police Committee

July 5, 2016, 5:30 PM

Front Conference Room

Attending meeting were Mayor Tom Smith, Aldermen Clyde Heller, Vicki Koerber, Rita Trantham, Stan Darter, Gerald Frederick, Russ Thomas, Steve Notheisen, Jim Hopkins, Police Chief James Trantham, Jeff Prosise, Police Investigator

Meeting called to order by Mayor Thomas Smith, Chair of Police Committee.

Agenda Item 1, Petitions by Citizens on non-agenda items. None.

Agenda Item 2, Approval of 06-20-16 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. After review, a motion to approve made by Stan Darter, 2nd by Rita Trantham, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item 3, Approval of 09-16-13 Police Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes submitted made by Jim Hopkins, 2nd by Stan Darter, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item 4, Police Issue. Mayor Smith provided the committee with details from a meeting he, Budget Officer Shawn Kennedy and Police Chief Trantham had concerning staffing of the Department and potential changes that may be forth coming in the next six months. Chief Trantham presented information of workloads that have been increasing due to events his department is needing to support and that this is straining his overtime budget and number of officers available for overtime. He also provided information on vacation hours and number of personal days off officers have available to them for use. Current shortage of staff is due to one termination (under arbitration review), one officer on extended disability time off, and one possible retirement. Chief Trantham also reminded the committee that if an approval for hiring of an addition to staff were approved, the time line to have the newly hired officer on the street involves 14 weeks of training within the department. This assumes hiring an officer that does not require attendance of police academy before the 14 week training period begins. Discussing also involved the potential to use a comprehensive candidate list from Collinsville Police Department. A motion made by Jim Hopkins to join the police consortium program, 2nd by Stan Darter, approved vote of 5-0. Motion made by Gerry Frederick to authorize one office addition to staff and hire to fill position, 2nd by Stan Darter, vote 5-0 to approve. Action for full council approval to be submitted.

Agenda Item 5, Comments. Discussion involving previous Finance Meeting information on funding of Monroe County Position on Violence Prevention Advocate Liz Mudd. Alderwoman Vicki Koerber strongly suggested the city provide funds, Mayor and aldermen did not support spending city funds to support an unfunded position with the County. A call for motion to fund position failed to receive action.

Motion to adjourn made by Stan Darter, 2nd by Rita Trantham. Meeting adjourned at 6:25.