



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 4:00 PM

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2023

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4 p.m. via 225 N. Webster Ave, Room B, Norman, OK, on the 9th day of February, 2023, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:

Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Russell Rice, Mike Rainer and Greg Gilkey

ABSENT:

Members Kenny Orr, Lea Greenleaf

COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

FOP (position vacant)
OU (position vacant)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Coffman, Budget Manager
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician
Dannielle Risenhoover, Administrative Tech. IV
Major Barbour, NPD
Captain Hopcus, NPD
Chief Travis King, NFD
Russell Anderson, Communication Systems Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT:

Bill Scanlon

ITEM A, BEING:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. She welcomed staff and guests to the meeting.

ITEM B, BEING:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2023

Member Rice made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Gallagher; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of January 12, 2023, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Chair Linda Price, Members Ann Gallagher, Kyle Hurley, Mark Emerson, Russell Rice, Mike Rainer, and Greg Gilkey

NAYES:

none

Chair Price declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of January 12, 2023 approved.

* * * * *

ITEM C, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Finance and Budget

Kim Coffman gave the report. She stated that revenues are about 1% below target, mainly due to the slower than anticipated sales tax revenue. Coffman noted that, "There are 5 months left in the Fiscal Year to make that up." The second quarter reimbursement from Norman Public Schools (NPS) was received. Coffman states that the City is still spending conservatively, with no major purchases.

* * * * *

ITEM D, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Fire Department

Chief King gave the update. The brush pumper that was purchased in FYE 22 is now in service at station 5. The mid-mount aerial is up for approval. If approved, the aerial will be ordered in July and probably take 2-3 years to manufacture it

* * * * *

ITEM E, BEING:

MONTHLY UPDATES- Police Department and Dispatch

Major Barbour gave the update. The Norman Police Department (NPD) will be participating in a Polar Plunge fundraising event on February 18th, 2023, to benefit Oklahoma Special Olympics.

The 61st Norman Police Academy graduated on February 9th, 2023. Three cadets graduated, leaving the department with 29 commissioned vacancies. The department currently has two cadets in their lateral academy and 7 cadets in their traditional academy. It is expected that all 9 cadets will graduate by May.

Applications for NPD's June 2023 academy have closed and have yielded 34 candidates that will be interviewed the week of February 20th. These candidates have submitted all required paperwork, passed their written tests, and passed their physical testing. Per Major Barbour, "statistically, the department could end up with 10-15 employable officers," after the interview process and background checks occur. Those who complete the June academy will graduate around December. June academy applicants who were delayed in submitting their application paperwork, and those who did not pass their written and/or physical tests for employment, will be offered another testing opportunity in March 2023. The individuals from this group, who make it through the hiring process, will participate in the August police academy.

Major Barbour presented NPS's updated mission, vision, values statements. They are as follows: **Vision** – To be a driving force in public safety by setting the standard for our community, state, and nation. **Mission** – Passionately serving our community through education, innovation, enforcement, and excellence in everything we do. **Values** – *Courage*: We will stand in the gap between our community and those who would cause harm. *Compassion*: We will honor the dignity of all people and remain focused on selfless service to those in need. *Collaboration*: We will work in partnership with stakeholders, other agencies, and within our department to strengthen our city. *Commitment*: We will remain dedicated to our duty to provide professional policing in an ethical manner that brings pride and honor to our department and our community. Norman Police Department will be focused on three main goals this year. The first goal is to see a 2% reduction in "part A crimes". These crimes include the majority of the crimes involving criminal activity such as crimes that hurt people, arson, burglaries, larcenies, etc. The second goal is to see a significant decrease in the amount of critical injury and fatality collisions across the City. The third goal is to improve customer service. Every division of NPD has been tasked to report on how they are working to make customer service improvements.

Russell Anderson, Communication Systems Manager, gave the update. The communications center lacks 3 employees. City of Norman Human Resource Director and Norman Chief of Police have agreed to revise the hiring process for dispatchers. These changes will take the hiring process from 6 months down to approximately 1 month for applicants. A budget request has been made that allows for the hiring of: 2 Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) positions, 4 Communication Officer I's, 1 Supervisor, 1 Radio Technician, and 1 Administrative Technician. Approval for these positions is pending.

* * * * *

ITEM F, BEING:

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) PROJECT

Major Barbour gave the update. Bids for construction of the Emergency Communications Operations Center (ECOC) were accepted through December and reviewed in January. Barbour states, "Bids were a little higher than they wanted them to be, but considering the market, the bids are a lot closer than they could have been." The City is working on securing approximately \$700,000 in additional funding. It is anticipated that the general contracting processes and allocation of the additional funding will be approved at the February 14, 2023 Council meeting. The ECOC is a 19,800 square foot building that is specked for 1 generator with plans for a second generator to be built in at a later date. A separated budget request will follow the initial construction of the ECOC that will allow for a 5-bay barn to be built. This barn will offer additional work space and house items like the Bear Cat.

* * * * *

ITEM G, BEING:

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MEETING

No additional items were suggested by the Committee.

* * * * *

ITEM H, BEING:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Member Rice mentioned that Red Dirt Collective is hosting their quarterly, mutual aid fair at Irving Recreation Center on Saturday, February 11 from Noon – 3:00. Over 25 vendors will be present and all of their products and services are free, this includes such things as: food, clothing, and haircuts.

* * * * *

ITEM I, BEING:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.



Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee