

Board of Alderman **SPECIAL** meeting minutes.
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
July 21, 2020

Roll call taken by Mayor Stephen Short.

Present: Steve Mallard, Richard Avery, Jeffrey Danderson, Dennis Roe, Richard Icenhower.

Absent Dayna Ault.

Staff present: Sgt. Tyler Gerling, Reserve Officer Dean Ratcliff, Darra Justice.

Call to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Icenhower to amend agenda to discuss Chief Mallory's resignation. Second Mallard.

Discussion: none

Mallard aye, Avery aye, Danderson aye, Roe aye, Icenhower aye.

Icenhower said he visited with Greene County Sheriff Jim Arnott and he has volunteered to help the City select a new Police Chief. Sheriff Jim Arnott took the podium at Icenhower's invitation.

Sheriff Arnott brought the 2013 Fair Grove Police Dept. assessment to leave with the Board to go over. He stated he would be happy to help in whatever manner needed. He suggested conducting a complete reassessment of entire Police Department, budget, inventory, staff, etc. Roe asked if they could do overnight drive-through for coverage appearances. Arnott said yes if you want them too.

Danderson asked if Sheriff Arnott thought it beneficial to do another assessment or just go over the old one. Arnott stated he didn't know but having the new Chief come in and pick up on a good side was beneficial. Icenhower – Maybe personnel committee should set down with Arnott and go over this. Roe – and the Mayor. Danderson – My opinion is to get the assessment going and go from there. Arnott stated he had the people to assign to it.

Motion by Danderson to allow the Greene County Sheriff's Office to do an assessment of the Fair Grove Police Department. Second Mallard. Discussion: none.

Mallard aye, Avery aye, Danderson aye, Roe aye, Icenhower aye.

Mayor asked what the involvement would be with Arnott's people he sends to do the assessment. Arnott said none, it is not needed.

Icenhower – to be clear, we will hold off assigning a temporary Chief until Arnott gets back with us? Arnott – yes.

At this time audience spoke up with concerns of Police response time and 24/7 converge of the City. Arnott stated it depends on the priority of the call and where his deputies are. Could be 6 to 15 minutes. Icenhower addressed the 24/7 coverage concerns by stating that it was never an issue not to have 24/7 coverage. The plan was to have 5 officers with layover shifts and 24/7 coverage. There will be 24/7 when we've gone through all this. No 24/7 is NOT true. Mallard agreed that not having 24/7 coverage was/is not true.

Danderson said it is in the budget, the budget has passed and it's in there for 24/7 coverage. It was never, ever brought up to drop it, ever. May be an issue if on vacation or sick, but that's up to the Chief. No 24/7 is absolutely not true.

APPROVE AGENDA.

DISCUSS REPLACEMENT FOR FAIR GROVE CHIEF OF POLICE. Icenhower stated the date on Chief Mallory's resignation letter for his last day was July 31, 2020 and asked if it could be effective immediately. Danderson read RSMo 65.220 aloud; which allows for this on a written, dated and signed resignation.

Motion by Mallard to accept the resignation of Chief Adam Mallory, effective immediately July 21, 2020 at 7:25 pm. and to have him clear out his office of all personal items, turn in all keys and all City property at 7:00 am tomorrow (7-22-2020) morning. Second: Icenhower.

Discussion: Roe asked Sheriff Arnott if this was typical. Arnott said yes. Mallard said we can get the replacing process going this way. Danderson agreed. Mallard asked if we can have Greene County respond. Icenhower said Sheriff Arnott will help with any lack areas we have. Sheriff Arnott said yes. Mallard aye, Avery no, Danderson aye, Roe aye, Icenhower aye.

DISCUSS SEWER COMMITTEE UPDATE ON CC LIFT STATION. Roe stated that after they met with City Engineer Andy Novinger, costs of the plan to update the old vacuum pumps to submersible pumps kept going up with each scenario they went through. Also, if pump types are changed, DNR approval is needed. They decided to go with the cheaper option of buying 3 new vacuum pumps and renovate/rebuild unit.

Motion by Danderson to adjourn. Second, Mallard. All ayes. Adjourned at 7:44 pm.
Minutes taken by Darra Justice