CITY OF MONTELLO

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order:** 6:00 PM

**Roll Call:** Barb Jordan, Chair, Jim Houdek, Venise Mugler, Sue Kozlowski, Bill Faulkner, Kelly Kenitz,

Dennis Schrimpf

Others Present: Gary Doudna, Karlene Utke, Paul Ninneman, Michael Cypert, Ron Knutson, Trudy Knutson, Jaclyn Wills, Joe Konrath, Les Crandall, Jon Sheller, Gary Sorenson

**2. Fire Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business: New Fire Engine is here, working on getting it ready mid to end of January.

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business: Office remodel quotes from Rhymes, OEI, and Gary Glunn. The Safety Committee recommended forwarding the quotes to the Building and Purchasing Committee for approval.

**New Business**:

1. Budget Revision

Police Department to purchase Camera and Dictating equipment. To be paid out of 2018 funds. Motion by Houdek, second by Faulkner to move $622 from account 10-52-52110-335 (training and education) to account 10-52-52110-810 (equipment outlay) for the purchase of a digital transcription kit and camera. Motion carried.

1. Arimon Donation

Mayor Gary Doudna accepted a $250.00 donation for the Montello Police Department and thanked Arimon for the gift.

1. Budget: The 2018 Budget was reviewed by the committee and we are within budget.
2. Discussion with possible action on determination of police services. The committee researched two options. The first being maintaining our own police department with a full time chief, 1.5 officers and a FT assistant. The second option would be to contract with Marquette County with 2 officers and a FT assistant. There is also $10,000 budgeted for part time officers.

Discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantage regarding Options 1 and 2. A lengthy discussion on items not covered by the County was held. Jordan stated that approximately $93,000 would not be included in the County contract. Kozlowski asked where the $93,000 figure came from? Jordan stated it was our squad, fuel, maintenance, computer equipment, Telephone, Equipment outlay. . Joe Konrath stated that the city should keep part time officers employed through the city, with a budget of $10,000. Mugler stated that the part time officer wages are already budgeted in the existing city budget. . Houdek gave a scenario on cost savings. Mayor Doudna asked how to move forward with the contract; the time frame. Konrath said it would take a couple months. Questions on how to terminate the contract were asked.

Motion by Houdek, seconded by Schrimpf to move forward for a three year contract with the Marquette County Sheriff’s Office Contract. Motion carried.

1. Monthly Reports:

Motion by Kenitz, second by Mugler to approve the monthly reports. Motion carried.

1. Citizen Comments:

* Mark Robinson asked if the committee had asked Pardeeville or any others how it was going for them. Jordan stated they had not but Alderman Utke stated that she contacted the clerk at Pardeeville and overall Pardeeville is satisfied with the Contract.
* Utke questioned the part time officer budget. Jordan stated that the Safety Committee did budget a part time officer . Mugler stated that yes it was budgeted.
* Jordan stated that she preferred a two year contract. Marquette County Sheriff felt that a three year contract would be desirable due to the county having to hire two more employees and the expenses associated with that..

**4. Any other Business:**

Public Works director Mike Kohnke was present to inform the committee that the brick facet on the Dennis Whitemarsh building at 19 Main St. collapsed. Kohnke stated that the Assistant Fire Chief recommended to Mr. Whitemarsh that he evacuate the building and he refused.

**5. Adjournment:**

Motion by Kozlowski, second by Faulkner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bobbi Richter.