

**CITY OF BYRON  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022, 6:00 PM  
BYRON CITY HALL**

Alderman Hobbie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Alderman Zeke Hobbie, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Cheryl Metz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Christy Hanlin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Rickard, Clerk Caryn Huber, Police Chief Todd Murray, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Alderman Todd Isaacs, Bill Pirnat

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – July 20, 2022 – Alderman Metz motioned to approve, as presented, the July 20, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Metz, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
- 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 18, 2022 –Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve, as presented, the May 18, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Metz. Roll call vote: Metz, AYE; Hobbie, ABS; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 2; NAY, 0; ABS, 1.**
- 5. SQUAD CARS –** Two squad cars have been delivered. One of the marked cars is in Lena having equipment installed. The second vehicle has been marked and will be getting equipment soon. Alderman Metz asked if we are short vehicles. Chief Murray said that since we are short officers, the number of vehicles is sufficient.
- 6. CROSSING GUARD SALARY –** To date, only one crossing guard has been hired for this school year. Chief Murray has been in touch with Superintendent Barton regarding hiring additional crossing guards. He has reached out to staff and parents, but has not received any response. Superintendent Barton has considered adding this task to the work day of support staff members, but he needs to take union contracts into account as well. We receive a crossing guard tax which we would reimburse the school. Currently, the pay is \$20/day for ½ hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon. Ideally, we would need three (Route 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Colfax and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Colfax) crossing guards. We have already eliminated the crossing guard at Walnut and Third Streets. Alderman Isaacs suggested raising the pay to \$30/day. We split the cost with the schools. **Alderman Hobbie motioned to recommend council approval to increase the crossing guard salary from \$20 to \$30/day. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Metz, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

7. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-BYRON FIRE/CITY OF BYRON** – Item can be removed from the agenda. Chief Murray will get a signed copy from them.
8. **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**– It is early in the new fiscal year. Squad car and equipment bills will be taken from several accounts that are statutorily limited to certain expenses.
9. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE** – Activity report is on Dropbox. ByronFest was uneventful. There were several disturbances but no arrests, and Chief Murray attributes some of that to the fact that we did not extend bar hours this year. He feels attendance was lighter than normal, and he had additional assistance from Sheriff's Deputies and volunteers. • National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3 from 5-8 pm. The event is done in conjunction with Ogle County Sheriff and the Fire Department. • Officer Curtis graduates academy on August 11 and will start field training. Officer Woolbright is shadowing and should be completing field training soon. • Former Sergeant Brechon and Chief Murray answered a call for a combative 11 year old approximately 1-1/2 months before Sgt. Brechon left Byron. Prior to Chief Murray's arrival, the child kicked Sgt. Brechon's knee. He has been going through therapy and will need surgery. This will be a Workman's Comp case. The 11 year old was later arrested in Oregon, and is currently at a camp for behavior disorders.
10. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Clerk Huber has been posting about the mural, and the response from social media has been all positive. The mural is taking longer than expected due to the exterior surface of the building, and it's location once the afternoon sun hits the wall.
11. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Metz motioned to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Metz, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. Alderman Hobbie adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm. The next regular Public Safety Committee meeting is September 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, *Caryn A. Huber*, City Clerk of Byron, Illinois