

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024, 6:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

1. Alderman Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Jessica Nehring, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Ron Boyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Mittzi Fulrath

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Rickard, Clerk Caryn Huber, City Administrator Brian Brooks, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Police Chief Todd Murray, Alderman Todd Isaacs, Alderman Emily Gerdes, Bill Pirnat, Ray Gruber

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – JANUARY 17, 2024 – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve the January 17, 2024, agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Boyer. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 15, 2023 – Alderman Boyer motioned to approve the November 15, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
5. **POLICE CHIEF SEARCH UPDATE –** Administrator Brooks reported that this past Monday was the deadline, and 29 applications have been received from across the country for the Police Chief position. Administrator Brooks, Mayor Rickard and Attorney Sosnowski will review the applications with the IL Association of Chiefs of Police, who will send questionnaires to 11-12 applicants. Applicants will have 10 days to respond. From there, 7-8 will be chosen for the assessment by the IL Association of Chiefs of Police on February 6. The Association will make a recommendation of 3-4 candidates and the City will conduct final interviews. A new Chief of Police should be announced at the first council meeting in March.
6. **POLICE CHIEF SEARCH BUDGET ADJUSTMENT–** Administrator Brooks stated that because there are expenses being incurred for the Police Chief search (Association fees, advertising, legal fees, assessment expenses, travel expenses, etc.) the 2023-2024 budget needs to be adjusted to account for this. His recommendation is that we decrease the Police Salaries, Insurance and Unemployment line item and increase the Police Miscellaneous Expense (Recruitment) line item by \$30,000. In addition, an adjustment will need to be made to cover the attorney expenses for the FOP labor negotiations, and he

recommends decreasing Professional Fees from the general fund, and increasing Professional Fees in the Police fund, for \$17,000. An ordinance is included in Dropbox that makes these changes. **Motion by Alderman Boyer to recommend council approval to waive first read and make the recommended adjustments to the budget as noted in the ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Boyer, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET** – Chief Murray reported that he is equipping and striping the new squad car. Administrator Brooks added that the only item that is showing an overage in the Police Department budget is the professional fees. This is the adjustment recommended in the ordinance listed in the last agenda item. All other line items are showing to be where they should be for 2/3 through the fiscal year.
8. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE** – Chief Murray distributed the December 2023 police activity. Service calls are significantly less than December of 2022. The police department has been trying to locate owners of cars that need to be moved for snowplow trucks.
9. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – No report.
10. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Nehring. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Alderman Nehring adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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