

**CITY OF BYRON  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, 6:00 PM  
BYRON CITY HALL**

In Alderman Hobbie's absence, Alderman Hanlin chaired the Public Safety Committee Meeting. Alderman Hanlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Christy Hanlin, Alderman Ron Boyer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Zeke Hobbie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Rickard, Clerk Caryn Huber, City Administrator Brian Brooks, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Police Chief Todd Murray, Alderman Todd Isaacs

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MARCH 15, 2023 – Alderman Boyer motioned to approve the March 15, 2023, agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Boyer, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
- 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2023 – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 5. FLOCK CAMERAS –** Chief Murray will continue conversations with Superintendent Barton and the Ogle County Sheriff regarding the use of FLOCK cameras. The cameras are license plate readers that alert the police department to stolen vehicles, amber alerts, etc. from both state and national databases. The system can also be set up for gunshot detection. The cameras read only one side of the road. Many are positioned at the entrances to the county. The parameters of what the system alerts to can be set to very specific types of plates. If looking for a specific vehicle, the system can report what cameras the vehicle has "hit". Alderman Hanlin asked if the school would share in the cost of the system. Chief Murray thinks that is a possibility. Alderman Boyer asked if the state has funding assistance available for the cameras. Chief Murray replied they do not. The system costs \$2,500-\$3,000, and the state charges for installation. Administrator Brooks said there is \$5,000 in the proposed 2023-2024 budget for the cameras. Alderman Gyorkos asked how many cameras would be needed, and Chief Murray stated that he would like four cameras to start. Locations of the cameras to be determined. He added that the Sheriff's office has access to the data from the system.
- 6. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET–**Administrator Brooks stated that the union contract expires at the end of this fiscal year. He, Attorney Szeto and Chief Murray will be involved

in negotiating the new contract. He anticipates an increase in salaries that he has incorporated into the proposed budget.

7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE** – The February 2023 Activity Report is in Dropbox. During a recent pursuit, a Byron squad car was hit and sustained damages in excess of \$5,000. Body work and some decal work will need to be done. The squad was stationary when hit, and the officer was not in the car. A county squad car was also hit as the pursuit went from N. Fox Run Lane into Creekside. The alleged perpetrator has been involved in numerous pursuits prior to this and is currently in jail. He was out on bond at the time of the incident. • Chief Murray reported that the new police officer will be graduating April 27 from the academy.
8. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Clerk Huber reported that a statement was posted on Facebook Tuesday regarding a chlorine surge in the water system. We were alerted of the higher chlorine levels through daily testing and phone calls from residents. The chlorine level was still within safety standards.
9. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Boyer motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Boyer, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Alderman Hanlin adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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