



**Police, Fire and EMS Commission**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:30 PM**

**1011 Municipal Center Drive**

**MINUTES**

**Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Commission Chairman Ryan Mortland.

**Roll call (conducted by Chief Cavins):**

Chair

Alderman Ryan Mortland (P)

Ward 1 Members

Martin Willman (P)  
Don Sanders (A)

Ward 4 Members

Ron Jaudes (P)  
James Conrad (P)

Ward 2 Members

Susan Crandall (P)  
Pete Eggebrecht (P)

At-Large

Dave Gordon (P)

Ward 3 Members

Kelly Kyriakos (A)  
Dan Schoenekase (A)

Others Present

Chief of Police James Cavins  
West County EMS & Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler  
Lt. Danny Wilkey (Acting Secretary of the Commission)  
Captain Mike DeFoe  
Lt. Tom Walker  
Alderman Fritz Wiesehan

**Old Business**

- A. A motion for approval of the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes was introduced by Commissioner Jaudes and seconded by Commissioner Eggebrecht. The motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

### A. Chair Report

#### 1. Commission Chair Transition

- Outgoing Commission Chairman Mortland thanked the Commission for their dedication and effort during the past year and relinquished the Chair to Alderman Wiesahan.

#### 2. Aldermanic Update (Wiesahan)

- Several businesses are showing interest in moving into Town and Country.
- The service Station located at the intersection of Clayton Road and Ballas Road will be upgrading and remodeling.
- The Maryville University Project is still under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The BJC Project located at the former Wellbridge property has been approved by Planning and Zoning Commission.

### B. Fire Chief's Report (Sadtler)

- The Department is designing a new ambulance, but there is an approximate 2.5 year delay on delivery. Given the delay, the Department is evaluating resources to determine priorities and allocate funding for future apparatus builds.
- Call volume has increased, and this was expected following the lifting of COVID protocols.

### C. Police Chief's Report (Cavins)

- Police Clerk Laurie Hangge was absent from the meeting due to a family illness. Chief Cavins asked that everyone keep her family in their thoughts and prayers
- The vehicle prowling ordinance previously presented and unanimously supported by the Commission was approved by the Board of Aldermen.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup> Officers participated in the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Area Games hosted by Westminster Christian Academy.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup> Officers participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run along with representatives from the cities of Creve Coeur and Ladue.
- The Patrol "Truck" has been commissioned and is in service.
- Detective Exline graduated from the Women's Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Several Officers and other City representatives will be participating in the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis Gold Tournament on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Cavins reminded the Commissioners they were welcome at any time to tour the remodeled Police Department facilities.
- Commissioner Eggebrecht stated he took a tour recently and urged others to do so.
- Commissioner Eggebrecht inquired about the recent media coverage surrounding vehicular pursuits. Chief Cavins provided an overview of Department Policy regarding Vehicle Pursuits.
- Commissioner Conrad inquired about Department initiatives regarding school safety. Chief Cavins explained several tactics and patrol strategies regarding school safety. Additionally, Chief Cavins presented the activation of the School Safety Initiative Team and its importance as an information sharing conduit between the Police Department and areas schools.

### D. Open Agenda

- Commissioner Gordon inquired about the tax measure on the city ballot and was informed it had failed.
- Commissioner Gordon inquired about possible financial shortfalls and was informed by Chairman Wiesahan the situation was being evaluated by the city and Board of Aldermen.

- Commissioner Gordon inquired if the new facilities built at the Principia would be subject to permits related to fire and safety. Chief Sadtler confirmed all permits would be required in the same manner consistent with any new construction.
- Chiefs Cavins and Sadtler suggested that future meetings be scheduled for every other month with the option of scheduling more frequently if the need exists.

### **Adjournment**

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by Commission Eggebrecht with a second by Commissioner Willman at 5:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.