



McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners-Minutes

Location: McCordsville Town Hall – Council Chambers

Date: Monday – May 20, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM EST

Minutes Summary:

1. Meeting was called to order at approximately 1800 hours.
2. Roll Call
Present – Mrs. Ariel Schoen, Dr. Bryan Burney, Mr. Charles Meggenhofen, Mr. Mark Walker, Mr. William Benson, Mr. Claude Robinson, Pastor Wade Apel, Chief Casey
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes were Approved and Signed from
 - A. February 18, 2019 – Regular Meeting
1st Mr. William Benson 2nd Mr. Charles Meggenhofen – Motion Carried 5-0
 - B. April 15, 2019 – Regular Meeting
1st Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2nd Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 5-0
 - C. April 15, 2019 – Executive Session
1st Mr. Claude Robinson 2nd Mr. Charles Meggenhofen – Motion Carried 5-0
5. Old Business
 - A. AED Project Update – They have been ordered and are all in. No Policy has been made for them to be put into service in the Police Vehicles yet, so they cannot be distributed right now.
 - B. Rifle Project Update – They have been ordered, but they were 6 to 8 weeks out when they were ordered so they should be here in the next month or so. They will not be put into service until after qualifying with them which will not be until September 2019.
 - C. Vest Carrier Project Update – Detective Watts set up for the fittings and all the Officers were fitted for their Vest Carriers except for Officer Gerig. Officer Gerig will be fitted soon. All the Vest Carriers were ordered on the same day that the Officers were fitted.

D. Light Bar Project Update – Officer Smith got everything taken care of with the Light Bars. Chief Casey sent out an email regarding them. The 2017 and 2018 Police Vehicle's Light Bars will be adjusted and updated, but the older Police Vehicles will not be adjusted or updated.

E. Handgun Project Update – Half of the Handguns were ordered, they are in, and ready to be picked up along with the Extra Magazines that were ordered. Still waiting on the Holsters to come in at this time.

F. SRO - Everything is good to go if the change is made for the cost of the Vehicle purchase from them paying 1/2 to them paying 1/3 instead.

1st Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2nd Pastor Wade Apel – Motion Carried 5-0

G. SRO - Memoranda of Understanding Signing – To allow Mr. Mark Walker President of the McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners to sign the full Memoranda of Understanding on behalf of the Commissioners.

1st Mr. William Benson 2nd Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 5-0

H. Harold Rodgers Vacation Pay – To retroactively pay Harold Rodgers .13 for his vacation hours.

1st Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2nd Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 5-0

6. New Business

A. K-9 Presentation and Demonstration – Officer Smith has been working on this Canine Program. The canine being considered is for public relations, narcotics, and tracking. Julie Case the owner and trainer of Ultimate Canine was present with a canine. She done a demonstration and showed what abilities the canines can do once they are properly trained. Julie's canines are carefully screened, comes with a warranty, and could take 3 to 6 months or longer to be ready to go to work with a Police Officer.

1. The cost of the canine is around \$13,000.
2. The vehicle kennel is around \$7,000.
3. The routine vet care will be donated.
4. The unexpected/non-routine care estimated around \$2,500.
5. The tracking software is around \$175.
6. The food is around \$1,100.
7. The miscellaneous expenses around \$1,200.
8. The initial investment is around \$25,000.
9. The annual operating budget would be around \$5,000.
10. Canine Unit approved but not to exceed \$21,000.

1st Mr. William Benson 2nd Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carries 5-0

11. Leah Snyder, Director of Indiana K-9 Search and Recovery. Spoke to the ability of Officer Smith was and would be a good trainer/handler.

B. Lateral Transfer Discussion – Adjusting the policy to accept 3 years of previously law enforcement experience, currently employed with a department, and already have the academy. The adjustment comes after the probation period. Nobody in Hancock County currently has a policy for lateral transfers. The Board agreed to go ahead and look into adjusting the policy.

C. Department Update and Information

1. Offer for a conditional offer of employment to Nathan Goodnight.

1st Mr. Claude Robinson 2nd Mr. William Benson – Motion Carries 5-0

2. Mr. Harold Rodgers work compensation claim was denied. The Town of McCordsville will be doing an agreement and general release. It will release the Town of McCordsville of any liability, any wrong doing, and non-disclosure agreement.

3. Mr. Harold Rodgers would be on paid administrative leave from April 30, 2019 to August 01, 2019 with that full pay and benefits. In exchange for the agreement Mr. Rodgers will tender his resignation.

1st Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2nd Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carries 5-0

4. Memoranda of Understanding for Mr. Harold Rodgers states he will retire in good standing, remain on administrative leave until August 01, 2019. Ms. Schoen will negotiate with Mr. Rodgers legal counsel regarding his retirement badge and credentials.

1st Mr. William Benson 2nd Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carries 5-0

5. Speed study on Winding Bend in Deer Crossing was completed and the results do not show anything unusual.

6. May training is done it was a refresher on field sobriety test instructed by Officer Barnes and Officer Smith.

7. Officer Watts has been reassigned to Detective again at his request.

8. Levi Gerig starts May 21, 2019 and will officially be sworn in at the June 2019 meeting.

9. The Police Pension by the Town of McCordsville will be getting removed. The State carries the Police Pension.

10. No update on Officer Herber.

D. Chief Requirements and Job Posting

1. Include fit for duty psychological examination.

1st Mr. William Benson 2nd Pastor Wade Apel – Motion Carries 5-0

2. Mr. Mark Walker and Chief Casey to finalize job description and posting.

1st Mr. Claude Robinson 2nd Mr. William Benson – Motion Carries 4-0

3. Suggest for a 2-week window for resumes to be in.

7. Recognition

A. Chief Casey, Officer Trejo, and Levi Gerig are participating in McCordsville Elementary School's field day on May 28, 2019.

B. Chief Casey discussed and recognized all the hard work the Officers did regarding the human remains that were found also how well all the Officers worked together.

C. Officer Smith, Officer Barnes, and Detective Watts all assisted in solving the robbery of the Village Pantry.

D. Recognized the work of about 1 year in solving the sexual assault case. Many Officers and Departments working together helped to solve this case.

E. Thank You Dr. Bryan Burney for your service on the McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners.

8. Motion to Adjourn Meeting 2045 hours.

1st Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2nd Mr. William Benson – Motion Carries 5-0

Minutes Approved

These minutes approved this 17th day of JUNE, 2019.

Approved By: _____

Mark Walker - President, Board of Police Commissions

Attested By: _____

Wade E. Apel – Secretary, Board of Police Commissions