



PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 13, 2021 0900

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nevin/Kevin Sedivy: 0903

Attendees: Mayor David Nevin
Council member Aaron Herzog
Police Chief Erik Lee
Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller
Curt Mowers
Kevin Sedivy - Chair
Bob Heales

Fire Department Engine 2 – Surplus Discussion

- Summarized the motion from the council on Monday May 10, 2021 to declare the Crosslake Fire Department Engine 2 as Surplus
- Mayor Nevins view on Engine 2 is that it would free up more space in the Apparatus Bay and has heard some talk of an additional building at the Fire Hall and this would help prevent needing another building at a cost of the tax payers.
- Council member Herzog stated that he was unaware that the Fire Department would like to keep Engine 2. He assumed since the new Ladder / Quint has arrived it would be come surplus. He also stated the entire motion at the Council Meeting went fast and in the future a better communication line will help the council understand Department needs, and that the Public safety Group will help with the communication.
- Chief Lohmiller stated he felt blind-sided by the motion like Council member Herzog. Engine 2 was never in the plan to declare as surplus. The Engine is a 1997 and is planned to be sold when Tender 4 is replaced in 2024/2025.
- Mr. Mowers stated educating the public on how the Department operates will help the community understand the equipment needs and purpose. He also stated he would help Chief Lohmiller with any articles he would like to put in the paper.
 - Bob Heales made a motion to come back to the Council in June stating the Public Safety Committee is in support of the Fire Department keeping Engine 2 and would like the Council to reconsider their motion to declare Engine 2 as surplus.
 - Second by Kevin Sedivy
 - Motion in Carried
 - Mayor Nevin would like to see this on the June agenda under Mayors Report
 - Council Meber Herzog stated he would initiate the conversation at the June Council Meeting.

Police Department Pepper Ball Equipment

- Chief Lee explained the history and research in regards to less lethal weapons.
- Research showed that Pepper Balls was a great option.
 - Safer distance to contain individuals

- Animal scare
 - Suicidal Situations
- Chief Lee explained the funding sources he secured for the purchase
 - \$8,000 from the Lions
 - \$6000 dedicated to Protective Gear
 - \$1500 for Conference Table
 - \$2,000 from the Legion
 - Help Pay for an Instructor
 - Pepper Ball and Inert Ball Inventory
- Sheriff Guida from Aitkin received extra Gear that was donated from St. Paul
 - Chief Lee was able to get Protective Gear from Aitkin County
 - No cost to Crosslake Police Department
- Chief Lee noted that the Police Department and Fire department should be receiving a donation in the next week for \$5,000 for each department and that this individual will also be donating \$2,500 to the Crow Wing County Drone team.
- Chief Lee went over the Pepper Ball Policy with the Committee and all agreed it was well written and agreed that it should be brought to the Council for approval in June.
 - Bob Heales Made the Motion
 - Curt Mowers Second
 - Motion Carried

Crosswalk Issues/Signage

- Bob Heales distributed a letter with pictures of the crosswalks in town that the Chamber submitted showing all crosswalks needed new paint and to add Chevrons /Keys/Stripes. It was also stated that the Charter School does not have School Crosswalk Signs.
- Chip Lohmiller spoke with Jory Danielson from the county and confirmed they would be repainting the crosswalks but did not get an answer regarding the painting of additional Chevrons/Keys/stripping. We will reach out to Ted Strand and Jory Danielson to see if these can be added. If the County responds that this addition is not in the Budget we will come to Council with a possible quote.
- All committee members feel this is a need in the community sooner rather than later since peak season is around the corner.
 - Motion by Sedivy for Bob Heales to talk to Ted Strand in regards to the County and painting of crosswalks in the City of Crosslake.
 - Second by Council Member Herzog.
 - Motion Carried
- In regards to the School Crosswalk signs, the Charter School will need to write a petition to the County for the signs to be approved and installed.
- Bob Heales discussed the signage for visitors south of town is tabled at this time.

Fire Department Hose Tower Use

- Kevin Sedivy stated he has numerous samples of policies from other Fire departments for the use of hose/training towers in the state.
- Kevin Sedivy and Chief Lohmiller will meet in the next few weeks to review sample policies and bring the Public Safety Committee a Policy draft for the next meeting in June.

Motion to adjourn: Curt Mowers

Second: Bob Heales

Motion carried 1010