

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Rochelle Police and Fire Commissioners

June 27, 2017

Members present: Commissioners Ron Stonebraker, Robert Johns, Chief Higby, Chief Sawlsville and Mayor Olson. Absent was Mitch Montgomery.

Also present were Interim City Manager Sue Messer and City Council member John Berrows.

Call to Order by Commissioner Robert Johns and seconded by Commissioner Stonebraker at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Johns moved and Commissioner Stonebraker second approval of the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

Correspondence –

Old Business – Chief Higby is working with Dealer now to order new squads. Looking at ordering one pick-up Truck that would be used for the overweight scales along with picking up found bikes or large property that normally can't fit into a squad car. Other vehicles ordered would be the Chargers.

New Business –

POLICE:

Chief Higby will contact RTHS for available dates in August for Police testing as the list expires July 23, 2017. Possible retirements of Police Officers in the next 5 years could be up to five. Working two Officers short on the street along with DC and Admin Assistance positions.

Radios appear to be working well after some minor adjustments.

State requirements have changed for police testing that would include no power testing. Chief will be looking into this matter. Academy classes are harder to get new recruits in as they don't have them as often.

K-9 Dons service life may be towards the end of 2017. May not be replacing him due to budget.

Fire:

Fully staffed. All list are good with one that could retire at any time.

Equipment needs: Generator & Fire engine. Looking at possibility of leasing or a low income loan. Repeater is still in the budget.

Fire calls are down but ambulance up. Have 9 paid on calls, 12 full time and 5 part timers.

Still in negotiations with Ogle/Lee.

Mayor:

Mayor Olson brought forward that a committee is in discussion with Ogle County reference exploring the idea of taking over Rochelle's Dispatch Center. No decisions have been made at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Johns moved – Commissioner Stonebraker seconded.

Next meeting September 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sullivan