

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 8, 2023**

Chairperson Brett Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Voting Members Present

Chairperson Brett Adams, Alderperson John Blundy and Alderperson Jamie Smith

Other Officials Present

Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator Jim Snider, Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Alderperson Lilija Stevens, Attorney Brittany Miller, WFD Chief Clint Kuhlman, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse and Administrative Assistant Linda Storer

Citizens Present

Several were present but none spoke.

1. Non-Member Alderperson(s) wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

None

2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

None

3. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2023

Chairperson Adams asked for motion to approve – Alderperson Blundy motioned and Alderperson Smith 2nd. All voted AYE.

4. Business Items

- **WPD Evidence Building RFQ Update**

Chief McCoy summarized a memo that was distributed before the meeting. (a copy is attached).

Alderperson Blundy asked if the \$580,000 received in grant could be used for any part of the construction. Chief McCoy advised him that it could.

Alderperson Blundy asked about the scope of work and Chief McCoy advised after meeting with Dewberry, they would provide us with one in the near future.

- **School Resources Officer Discussion**

A couple of years ago WPD made a presentation to the schools regarding resource officers and the importance in having them. At the time, they were not really interested in the concept.

A couple of weeks ago, WPD was approached by Districts 51 & 52 as it relates to obtaining school resource officers.

They were prepared to have it presented to their school boards.

They will be getting back to us. The cost involved are the officer's salary and their pension cost. The City would cover the health insurance.

We await their reply.

- **Police Department Honors Banquet**

Chief McCoy spoke of the upcoming event which will be held, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

- **Police Department Update**

Probationary Officer, Joe DuBois graduated the academy last Friday. He is in his field training phase now.

Chief McCoy attended a CIERT (Central Illinois Emergency Response Team) meeting. Deputy Chief made a presentation on negotiations.

WPD has (6) candidates on the current police list. The Commission will have a meeting in the near future to determine rankings.

Aldersperson Blundy asked Chief McCoy if the department was advertising? WPD hasn't had to advertise very often. WPD does use the department's Facebook page from time to time.

\$670,000 will be spent for body cams, in car video and tasers in the next 4-6 weeks. This is a 5- year payout. It will actually be almost 6 years by the time all the equipment is in-hand.

Last week, 19 tickets were written for distracted driving. Cell phone usage is the primary reason.

- **Fire Department Update**

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Chief Kuhlman advised that they handled 28 calls within the last 24 hours. Last month there were 74 calls and 1 fire.

5. Other Business

Chairperson Adams welcomed John Blundy and Jamie Smith as the new alderpersons to the Council.

Alderman Blundy asked about traffic calming progress. Chief McCoy advised him that City Engineer, Dennis Carr was not present to discuss anything in depth. WPD does not have a date to come back with more information.

6. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Chairperson Adams, motion made by Alderman Blundy and

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+nd by Alderman Smith. Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM. 0

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CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Public Safety Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: May 8, 2023

Prepared By: Chief Michael McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens

Agenda Item: Update and review of Police Evidence Building progress

Explanation: Since 2017 the need for a reconstructed, or new, Washington Police Evidence Building has been discussed.

The current Evidence Building is shared with Washington Public Works. With the assistance of Engineer Dennis Carr we identified Chamlin and Associates, of Ottawa, Illinois as qualified to have conversations with concerning the building.

On December 2, 2021, Dean Chalkey, Principal at Chamlin, along with an engineer and a designer came to Washington and reviewed the current evidence facility. On December 2, 2021, I presented a report to Mayor Manier, Chairman Adams and the Public Safety Committee describing the scope of the visit.

On December 8, 2021 we received a report from Chamlin describing the findings of what they viewed during their visit. The report stated " The above findings with the likely associated costs to repurpose the existing Public Works building to a proper evidence storage area along with the future need of the department are such that the City of Washington should consider building a new facility that would best suit the current and future needs".

On December 15, 2021 we received a preliminary report from Chamlin describing the costs they believe would be associated with a new Evidence Building. That cost was \$783,77.00.

The Washington Police Department, with the assistance of US Representative D. Lahood, submitted a grant application for OJP Byrne JAG for the evidence building. That Grant passed US Congress and was signed by President Biden awarding us, what turned out to be over \$580,000.00.

In April of 2023 the Washington Police Department published a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for the Evidence Building and received 3 responses. These proposals were reviewed by Chief McCoy, Deputy Chief Stevens and Engineer Dennis Carr using a published set of grading standards. Dewberry scored the highest.

On May 5, 2023, Deputy Chief Stevens and I met with representatives of Dewberry at the Washington Police Station. Larry Hlavacek, National Director, Public Safety Architecture and two other employees of Dewberry were advised of our concerns and needs.

Dewberry is presenting us with a report on the scope and cost of their services and we will report back when that is received.