

consultant was retained to overhaul the noise ordinance and measuring equipment was provided to test the noise. The issues had also been addressed by EDC and Planning and Zoning. Staff is recommending changes to help the situation and Pinheadz will also pay for half of a study. There are liquor and patio licenses which can be used as leverage. Pinheadz attempted to initiate measures to reduce noise, however, vibrations are still a problem. Alderman Frieders also discussed duration of the noise and amount of base and it was noted the measurements are calculated on a tablet. This item will move to the Council consent agenda.

4. PS 2017-08 Request to Purchase New Vehicles in FY 18

Chief Hart said this purchase is subject to budget approval. The total budgeted was \$165,000 for three vehicles and the actual price came in under that amount. Deputy Chief Hilt added that the department would like to have Watchguard video cameras for the new cars and said that Oswego is very happy with theirs. The Chief said there are now 11 patrol vehicles and eventually he would like additional SUV's. Alderman Frieders asked if the consortium would be involved in resolving camera problems that occurred. Mr. Olson replied the consortium will do research on problems and for vendors. This item moves to the Council consent agenda.

5. PS 2017-09 Liquor Code Amendment Regarding License for a Business in a City Owned Building

Ginger and Soul wishes to secure a liquor permit from the Mayor for a license in a city building. No additional licenses are being added, but a provision would be added in the code. This moves to the City Council consent agenda.

6. PS 2017-10 Local Prosecution

Chief Hart has been investigating this concept. Currently, the State's Attorney's office handles all Illinois vehicles code violations. With local prosecution, the Mayor would contract with an attorney who would hear all city code violations on a specified date at the courthouse. He said the State's Attorneys sometimes have very heavy case loads and communications are sometimes lacking. The new process would also allow more control over the outcomes and a larger amount of money would come back to the local police. In addition, more money would come back to an Anti-Crime Task Force Commission Fund. Five persons appointed by the Mayor would oversee the funds.

Costs for an attorney vs. a State's Attorney was discussed as well as judge and case fees. Chief Hart noted that an added benefit is a reduction of overtime costs in court for officers. He said some neighboring towns are also considering this idea and he anticipates some partnerships. The committee approved and this moves forward to the Council regular agenda.

Mr. Olson noted that all items moving forward to the Council would be on the April 25th agenda.

Old Business None

Additional Business

Since the Public Safety meetings are held only quarterly, Alderman Frieders said he has asked for updates/information on goals, number of officers, etc. to show “where we stand” compared to other departments and “what we are doing right”. Chief Hart shared the following:

1. Budget is closing and some money remains. As a result, department will get Narcan for overdose cases. Narcan no longer free, so it will be purchased, officers to be trained in administering.
2. Converting policies and procedures to Lexipol which is a huge undertaking.
3. In-house training continues including policy review.
4. Authorized for 30 full time officers, have 29 now, hoping to get 30th person to lock in police academy dates.
5. Census results may justify additional officers, FBI recommends 2 officers per 1,000 population, traffic unit would also be priority.
6. Task force person would also help bring additional funds.
7. Department has good group of officers, no disciplinary issues!

There was no further information and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

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