

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: November 14, 2018

**East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Hayes, and Burns were present. Also present was Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Chairman Burns to add Agenda #7, New Business: Police Officer candidate interviews in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Chairman Burns to add Agenda #7, New Business: JAG grant monies discussion.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 10, 2018, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 10/10/2018.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Hayes

EXCUSED: Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, in the amount of \$9, 771.26.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach asked if the reimbursement for Cpl. Sheehan is finished. Deputy Chief Hart stated it is.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach stated the travel line is low now.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing as of 10/31/18 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 10/31/2018 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief DeMarco stated they are in the process of writing the JAG grant. This grant is to combat crime, violent crime, domestic violence, strategic planning, etc. The grant amount they would be eligible for is \$38,000. One particular service that has been asked for from the community is to bring the K-9 program back to the Town of East Windsor. They would like

to write the grant for the K-9 program. The total cost of the program would be approximately \$64,000-65,000. The \$38,000 would allow them to purchase the most expensive part of the program which is the vehicle, housing and casing for the back of the car, the hot-n-pop system in case the air shuts off, etc. Over the next year, they would need funding for the rest of the program. He would like to know if the commission is interested in and committed to seeking the funds for the remaining portions. There are several options available such as asset forfeiture, private duty funds, and regular budget funds.

Chairman Leach is in agreement with the K-9 program and said his only concern is losing the officer when they give mutual aid to other towns seeking K-9 help. Chief DeMarco stated mutual aid will occur. In the past three years, East Windsor called other towns 42 times for assistance. The Town of East Windsor would use the K-9 for patrolling, community events and programs, drug searches, etc.

Commissioner Filipone asked what the annual expense was for a K-9. Deputy Chief Hart stated approximately \$5,000.

The commissioners have had many requests from the community for a K-9 program. All commissioners agreed they support the K-9 program and future funding.

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to enter into Executive Session at 7:18 pm for Police Officer candidate interviews; three candidates for two positions.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to end Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to make a conditional offer to hire candidate #1 Jason Hoffman and candidate #2 Alex Butcher, contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing. In the event of unsuccessful completion, we authorize Chief DeMarco to contact Chairman Leach and move on to candidate #3 Sean Walsh for conditional hiring.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco stated NexGen is charging a fee to connect us to the town's GIS. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to seek proper funding from the town's current GIS budget for NexGen GIS data migration. If proper funding is unavailable, then allocate an amount not to exceed \$8,000 from the private duty fund to cover the cost of migrating the GIS data.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to enter into Executive Session at 9:00 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 9:20pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary