

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4 April 2023

Meeting called to order: 4:00 PM

Attendees: Dean Pike, Robert Scott, Victoria Ganz, City Manager Kate Devonshire.

The Police Department budget was the only agenda item. Chief Mark Emery spoke to two new police officers being hired. One with multiple years of experience and the other a new recruit. The new recruit will need to go to the Academy when a slot opens up. The cost is about \$1,500 - \$2,000. The goal is to have four full-time police officers on the roster.

Talk shifted to needing a replacement cruiser soon. The oldest car has well over 100,000 miles and very excessive engine hours. This car is down for maintenance too often. The cruiser could be put out to bid or traded in. The 2020 Ford purchased was about \$40,000 plus equipment adding another \$12-\$15,000. The department should maintain at least two police cars due to maintenance downtime.

It was noted that the Chief has no retirement plan due to his old contract. Some talk was made to giving him some sort of compensation to make up for this.

Also mentioned that the uniform budget seemed too low based on number of new hires. We propose tripling that line item.

Next meeting is 11 April 2023. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM