

# CITY OF MALDEN

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 4, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Roll Call:

| Members                    | Present | Absent |
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| Committee Member Wilkerson | X       |        |
| Committee Member House     | X       |        |
| Committee Member Jones     | X       |        |
| Committee Member Beckett   | X       |        |

Members Present: 4

### OTHERS PRESENT

Department of Public Safety Deputy Director/Assistant Chief of Police Bobby Jones, Department of Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Jeff Mitchell, City Administrator Ivone Smith, and City Clerk Mandy Lewis.

### Discussion Regarding Distribution of Proceeds from Sale of Fire Engine #16

Director Mitchell informs the Committee of his recommendations for distribution of the proceeds from the recent sale of Fire Engine #16. He explains he would like to purchase a vehicle for Department of Public Safety Deputy Director/Assistant Chief of Police Jones and sell an older high mileage/high maintenance vehicle per the Vehicle Allocation Scheule presented. Committee Member Beckett asks if the purchase would be a new or used vehicle. Director Mitchell states they will attempt to get a new vehicle from a dealership in Indiana that has police capability vehicles. Committee Member House states he feels the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe and the 2016 Dodge Charger need to be put out for bid on GovDeals.

Director Mitchell states the server for the Department of Public Safety no longer has security updates available. He states the server is used across all divisions within the Department of Public Safety. He also informs the Hikvision cameras have been banned from all government facilities by the Federal Communications Commission. However, he was not able to replace them at that time, so they were taken offline instead. He would like to purchase a server and cameras with some of the proceeds of the fire engine.

Director Mitchell would like to purchase kennels for the dog pound and have the set up reconfigured for easier access and cleaning. Committee Member House inquires about expanding the dog pound. Director Mitchell states that may be something to look at if there is extra funding available.

Director Mitchell states there are approximately 9 sets of turnout gear needed for the volunteer firefighters. He states the gear has a 10-year expiration and several are expired. He further states there was an application for grant money for this expense, however, it has not been received. Committee Member Beckett asks if the grant is awarded, what will he do with the funds. Director Mitchell states he will have extra sets available for new volunteers or as old ones become expired.

Director Mitchell informs the final purchase he would like to make is a new tornado siren. He states the current siren located across the street from Casey's south is not able to be turned on from the police station like the others. Someone must go to the specific siren and manually turn it on. He has had Battles Communication look at several components but they have not been able to locate the issue. It was their suggestion to replace the motherboard or purchase a new siren. He states the quoted siren will cover a larger area than the current and will encompass larger sections of the south side of Malden.

**MOTION:** By Committee Member House recommends the Budget & Finance Committee approve the distribution of proceeds from the sale of fire engine #16 as follows:

- Purchase of a Patrol Vehicle with estimated cost of \$30,000 - \$40,000, after which of an older vehicle will be sold;
- Purchase a server and security cameras with an estimated cost of \$25,000;
- Purchase kennels for the dog pound with an estimated cost of \$4,000;
- Purchase 9 sets of turnout gear for volunteer firefighters with an estimated cost of \$35,000;
- Replacement of Emergency Siren located by Casey's south with an estimated cost of \$32,844.

**SECOND:** By Committee Member Wilkerson.

**Motion carried 4/0**

### **Public Safety Report**

Director Mitchell informs the committee that a dispatcher was recently terminated. He has transferred Troy from Administrative Assistant back to dispatch. This move will allow the hiring of an additional patrol officer. He states Tony will be working full-time with Code Enforcement and filling in as patrol officer when needed. Once Dalton has completed his POST certification, he too will work with Fire and Code Enforcement full-time and has a fill in for patrol officers. Director Mitchell states he feels the moves will get the Department where it needs to be.

### **Discussion Regarding Sale of BBQ Truck**

Director Mitchell informs the committee he would like to sale truck that has recently been used as the BBQ Truck. He states it has been out of service for several years and is not able to function as a fire engine due to maintenance issues. He states this will go before the council for approval to put out to bid on GovDeals.

### **Other Business Deemed Necessary**

Committee Member House states he has had complaints regarding a 30-minute parking sign located on Madison between Howard and Main. He asks if the sign can be removed since it is not enforced. Administrator Smith states she will look and see if there is an ordinance for the sign's placement. If there is an ordinance, the removal will have to go before the Council. If there is not, she will have the sign removed.

Committee Member Beckett informs there are several street signs that have been removed along AB Hwy. City Administrator Smith states she will have the Street Department take a look at them.

With no other business deemed necessary, a motion to adjourn was entertained.

**MOTION:** By Committee Member Jones to adjourn the meeting of March 4, 2024 at 6:41 p.m.

**SECOND:** By Committee Member Beckett.

**Motion carried 4/0**

**Prepared By:** Mandy Lewis, City Clerk