

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 5:30 p.m. Municipal Service Building
210 Progress Drive

Attendees: John Williams, Chris Stoa, Sarah Valencia, Jon Russell, Kishia Peters, Chief Layber

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31pm.
2. Determined that quorum was present and agenda was properly posted.
3. No public appearances.
4. Motion to approved minutes from September 27, 2022; motion made by Russell; 2nd by Stoa. Motion passed 5-0
5. New Business: Discuss and consider Police Department budget request for 2023 and operating and capital requests.
 - a. Reviewed budget request memo as presented in the packet.
 - b. Discussion re: hiring additional police officers. Would need three additional officers to bring ourselves up to the
 - c. There is concern about the pay scale for the police officers. There isn't any space in the levy to provide any increases this year in 2023.
 - d. Motion to approve Cottage Grove Police operational budget request as presented with exception of additional police officers. Motion is to have 2 new officers starting 1/1/23 and one starting 8/1/23; Motion made by Russell; 2nd Williams; Motion passed 5-0.
 - e. Capital budget: each year we have purchased a new squad car; this past year we purchased a hybrid to test it out. We currently have 8 vehicles. This is enough vehicles to accommodate the new staff included in budget. As discussed in previous meetings, need new in-car cameras; also included an additional solar radar speed sign and license plate reader.
6. Chief's Report:
 - a. Will look at recommended budget at October meeting. Will be looking to add the updated cameras, additional radar enforcement, fuel expenses, and likely additional officers. We have 15 officers; Village population is just over 9,000; general standars is 2.1 officers/1,000 population – which would put us at around 18 officers.
 - b. Calls for service during May, June, and July of 2022 were way up compared to years past. Likely due to proactive traffic enforcement, more officers in the department, and population growth.
 - c. Movin' Out apartments gave police direct access to their cameras; Authentix has also been proactive in putting cameras throughout their property.
 - d. In response to question last meeting about NOTE in the calls for service. It was a typo and has been removed.
 - e. SRO report is in the packet.
 - f. Monthly expenditures are over budget on a few accounts. We are doing ok for overtime – we have spent about \$15,000 through August which is about half of what was budgeted.
7. Future agenda items:
 - a. Budget
8. Motion to adjourn made by Valencia; 2nd Russell. Motion passed.