City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, June 6, 2017	4:30 PM	Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1.   Call To Order

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2.   Roll Call

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Present 4 -   Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and David McClain

Absent 1 -   Chris Gibson

3.   New Business

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Resolutions To Be Introduced

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RES-17:081   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CASELOADPRO TO PROVIDE COMPUTER MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE PROBATION SERVICES FOR CRAIGHEAD COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: Probation CaseloadPro Contract

Police Chief Rick Elliott explained Capt. Roper has been studying this software package and went to Batesville to visit their court services to see how they manage their services. Batesville uses this software. They feel it will suit their needs for managing probation and parole through district court. It's a yearly lease with the company. They would like to present this to City Council tonight so it can be put into place for services to start.

Chairman Johnson noted the cost is included in the resolution. Mayor Perrin added they are trying to get this together for probation services to start in July. The goal date is July 1. Police Chief Elliott is currently in the process of interviewing for the employees, then they have an MOU the city attorney drafted. Each of the mayors in

the county will be passing that through their respective councils to get it back to Jonesboro.

Police Chief Elliott further explained whenever they presented the original $170,000 budget for court services for the department, the cost of the software was included in that. Councilman McClain asked if the different towns will assist in paying for the yearly subscription for the software. City Attorney Carol Duncan answered no; rather, Jonesboro will get the probation fees incurred due to anyone in the other cities being on probation. The probation fees will help pay for the software, but the towns themselves won't actually pay anything.

Police Chief Elliott added once the probation services gets up and running, they feel like after the first of the year Jonesboro will not be in the hole for this program. He thinks they should come out ahead. The initial startup presented earlier this year was for things such as building modifications, software purchases, office furniture and personnel in order for the department o function until the end of the year.

Councilman Moore asked if Jonesboro is allowed to charge an administrative fee to the other cities for handling their probation services. Police Chief Elliott started Jonesboro will be making $30 per client per month as a fee, so that should cover it. Councilman Moore noted that's not a lot of money. Police Chief Elliott explained the smaller towns won't have that many people. This is a service to the court. If they're doing Class A misdemeanors, which is the intent, there were around 6,000 Class A's that went through the court last year. So, 6,000 multiplied by $30 per month should put them ahead.

Councilman Moore clarified the resolution needs to be walked on to the Council meeting tonight. Police Chief Elliott agreed. They are trying to get the software purchased, the personnel hired and trained all by July. Councilman Moore asked that the reason for walking it on to the Council be stated at the Council meeting tonight. Chairman Johnson agreed, adding that the item is time sensitive.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

4.   Adjournment

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A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson