

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, September 21, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 5:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem and Dustin McNees. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Mitchell via Zoom, Police Chief Misner, and Fire Chief Weber.

#### **A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **1. COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE**

Fire Chief Weber presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Cost Recovery Ordinance and Flow Chart. He explained how and why the ordinance was designed. He provided specific details on how the costs were determined. Fire Chief Weber commented that the purpose of the ordinance is to make the City whole. Mayor Trobeck commented that she liked the idea of including a letter with the invoice, explaining the invoice and options. Commissioner Milhiem asked the amount that could be collected if one hundred percent were collected. Fire Chief Weber stated that the amount would be between \$48,000 and \$62,000. Fire Chief Weber answered questions of the Commission.

##### **2. OPD BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY**

City Manager Mitchell explained that initially the Commission was going to go into closed session, but reviewing what could be released through FOIA, it was determined to review the policy in open session and be as transparent as possible.

Police Chief Misner answered questions regarding: “tagging of officers”, how the car camera works with the body camera, enforcement – turning it on, training, specific wording “should/shall”, officer safety, and review of policy in six months.

Police Chief Misner stated that possibly he could get training for the Commission on making split second decisions. The Commission commented that they would be interested in the training. He will look in to the training.

Commissioner McNees commented that he feels more comfortable with the policy, as explained. Commissioner Krueger commented that the policy is well written. Mayor Trobeck asked when the policy would be implemented. Police Chief Misner commented that the Commission will be considering a budget adjustment in the regular Commission Meeting and anticipate implementing by the end of the year.

Police Chief Misner answered additional questions regarding: syncing body camera and car camera, redaction for FOIA requests, releasing of footage to help the public, and retention period of tapes and ability to keep longer – if needed.

Commissioner McNees thanked Police Chief Misner and City Manager Mitchell.

### 3. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the Well Head Protection Plan. He explained that the City's application has been canceled and EGLE will not be accepting applications until 2022. He stated that the Groundwater Ordinance will establish regulations for development within the City. The ordinance will be a "road map" of potential permits that may be required to be approved by EGLE and would accompany the site plan. City Manager Mitchell stated that the plan is to protect the aquifer which comes from the south and to the three wells at Brookside Park. He commented that demolitions will be required to have an inspection. City Manager Mitchell expressed that the ordinance is "early in the process" and the final document will need to go to the Planning Commission and City Commission. Commissioner McNees asked if the City could charge for the inspections. City Manager Mitchell stated that he will look into the possibility.

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McNees asked Police Chief Misner if there are no speed limit signs posted, what would the speed limit be. Police Chief Misner stated that if the speed limit is not posted within the City limits the speed limit is 25 mph.

Commissioner Milhiem thanked Police Chief Misner, Fire Chief Weber, and City Manager Mitchell. He commented that a lot of effort went into the Body Worn Camera Policy and it is best for our residents and officers. He stated that he appreciated the conversation which was extremely helpful.

Commissioner Withee commented that all of the information tonight was very helpful. She indicated that she is happy that she understands how it works because the Commission will get questions.

Commissioner Krueger thanked Police Chief Misner for the Body worn Camera Policy and Fire Chief Weber for the Cost Recovery Ordinance, as they will be beneficial for the City.

Commissioner McNees thanked Police Chief Misner, Fire Chief Weber, and City Manager Mitchell. He commented that he is looking forward to more Workshop Meetings.

Mayor Trobeck commented that Workshop Meetings give the Commission an opportunity to get ideas out there without a time crunch.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 6:47 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk