

A Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, August 15, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, Brent Milhiem, Jason Smith and Lauri Krueger. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Fire Chief, Brandon Weber.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the School Resource Officer (SRO) position which he explained is very common in today's society. He explained that the school is eligible for full reimbursement for the position. The role of the SRO position was discussed. City Manager Mitchell stated that the school would have liked to have the SRO Officer in place by September 1st. City Manager Mitchell stated that he and Police Chief Misner recently had a meeting with Superintendent Haas to discuss the terms of the contract. At this time, Police Chief Misner explained how the Police Department would potentially staff the new SRO position. City Manager Mitchell commented that this would be a short-term contract. At this time a lengthy discussion took place regarding:

- Additional funding from the townships which are located within the school district.
- Training needed for the SRO position.
- Scheduling
- If a body camera can be used in the school.
- School events.
- Available grants?
- Potential cost savings.
- No Cost to the City for the first year.
- Vehicle

City Manager Mitchell stated that he will have a revised contract for consideration at the September 6, 2022, City Commission Meeting.

B. CITY PARKING LOT – OVERNIGHT PARKING

City Manager Mitchell stated that overnight parking in City Parking Lots are not covered in the City's Ordinances. The owner of Little Pines was in attendance and commented on what he has been doing to remove vehicles from the parking lot and requested from the Commission that he be allowed to have five permanent spots and five variable spots for his business. The owner of Maude's commented that additional parking spots are needed for his businesses. At this time, an open conversation between the Commission and the audience took place regarding parking in City Lots. Due to time restraints, the open discussion ended.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Milhiem, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED – 7:00 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk