

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019  
FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karen Testerman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019. The following were present: City Manager Judie Milner, Chief David Goldstein, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Vince Ribas, Bill Yacopucci, Dick Stacey and Karen Stacey.

**I. FEASIBILITY IN VOLUNTEERS FOR POLICING**

Chair Testerman introduced Dick Stacey who presented a video and spoke to the committee about a volunteer policing program. Mr. Stacey participated in a volunteer policing program in Chandler, Arizona back in the 1990's. He said that Chandler had a much greater population but he felt the program could be scaled back to suit the City of Franklin.

Mr. Stacey explained to the committee what his responsibilities were while he was in this program. He would handle some parking violations such as handicap and fire violations, assist at accident scenes, non-criminal fingerprinting, calling for warrants, administrative assistance and assist dispatch. He was given a cruiser and uniform that was clearly marked "Volunteer".

Councilor Dzujna inquired about the liability aspect of this type of program. Mr. Stacey thought it would fall under the police department's city liability policy. Councilor Dzujna mentioned that would have to be looked into further to see what increase in cost there may be. Councilor Ribas mentioned he thought this program would be helpful with foot patrol and more visibility downtown. Chief Goldstein requested a copy of the video so he could review it. Councilor Testerman said that the financial side of the program would need to be discussed at a later meeting.

**II. KRATOM COMMUNICATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Chief Goldstein advised the committee there have been some calls with complaints about this new ordinance. He will be having officers visit the businesses to remind them of the ordinance and putting it on Facebook. City Manager Milner advised the committee that the director of the Mayor's Drug Task Force had only found 2 to 3 stores selling it.

Chief Goldstein explained that those that were found with it would be given a violation on a city summons and then it would be given to the prosecutor to handle.

**III. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT SITUATIONS INVOLVING POLICE AND CURRENT CLIMATE**

Chair Testerman wanted to bring up the importance of this subject after seeing how the New York City officers were being disrespected. She wanted to discuss how to get the point across to our City that there is a non-tolerance policy for disrespect of Franklin Police officers.

Chief Goldstein advised he really believes it starts with family values and being taught respect. Councilor Dzujna expressed the importance of having officers in schools to interact with the children. Chief Goldstein

stated that we currently have a School Resource Officer and Officer Tracy and Miller are making regular visits to the school.

#### **IV. HOW SHOULD FRANKLIN BE PREPARED**

Councilor Brown suggested that when the City Manager does her report, she doesn't just report criminal statistics but also positive events that the officers have been involved in. The committee also suggested an open house at the police department and using social media to post positive involvements of the department.

#### **V. REVIEW STATE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Chief Goldstein advised the committee that the equipment in the communications center is at end of life and will cost approximately \$1 million dollars to replace. He stated that Franklin Police Department dispatches for 6 departments. He told the committee that when the system goes down it's done because there are no more parts. The committee discussed the severity of no communication and the risk that an officer could die without it and the effect that would have on the City.

#### **VI. OTHER**

There was no other business.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Penny Stephens*  
Chief's Secretary