

Committee As A Whole Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021
6:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Invocation**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Christmas in the Park** **Bill S.**
4. **Thank You and Congratulations**
5. **Public Request**
6. **Christmas Musical** **Mayor**
7. **Project Updates** **Mayor**
8. **Semi-trucks on Park View** **Mayor**
9. **Fire Incident Reports Update** **Mayor**
10. **Police Department Request (info included in the Packet)**
11. **BDC Membership** **CM**
12. **Year-end Salary Adjustments** **CM**
13. **Fire House Software** **Larry**
14. **Buildings on Main Street** **John C/Larry/CM**

15. Sewer Board Position (Term expires on 12/31/21)
16. 1st Ward Water Board Position (Term expires on 12/31/21)
17. 5th Ward Water Board Position (Term expires on 12/31/21)
18. Building Enforcement Update **John**
19. City Manager comments
20. Information
21. Benediction

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To: Mayor Velegol,
Chief Larry Rea

From: Deputy Chief Dan Casto

Ref: ADDITION OF A PATROLMAN

I am formally requesting to hire an additional patrolman for the Police Department ASAP. I have been in this position for 2 years and have come to the realization that another Police Officer is needed. That will bring our department to 7 full time Officers plus the Chief. My reasons for this conclusion are as follows.

I am a salary position for the city. As Deputy Chief it is my responsibility to oversee all of the activities of this department. Currently I work 12 hour shifts by myself therefore I am also doing the job of a patrolman. I am the Municipal Court Clerk for the city therefore I take care of court and all the subpoenas that need to be sent out once a month. Every other week I am off 3 days during the week the other I am off 2 days during the week. I need to be in the office while it is open Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm. So that I can take care of these issues as well as the high grass, garbage, animal complaints, abandoned vehicles etc.

Our department had 9 full time officers at one time and now only have 6. When Captain Reinard was hired there were 7 full time officers. Currently we only have 1 officer working daylight hours in the city. This is a safety issue for the officer and the public. Although we will not be able to cover all of daylight hours, we will have 2 officers out Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm most of the time.

The 7th officer will also cut back on overtime due to the fact I will be able to fill in when a daylight officer takes off through the week and I can fill in the night turns as well to keep the overtime down. There are so many things that I can get done through the day if I don't have to answer minor calls. Occasionally I will be able to adjust the schedule to accommodate the things that are happening in the city such as, car burglaries, burglaries, vandalism etc. without creating a lot of overtime.

I am trying to fill administrative duties while working as a patrolman for the city. When I took over this position I had no guidance in the Municipal Court duties and I spent a lot of time trying to figure it out and I am still working on it. It is my goal to be able to hand over this department to the next Deputy Chief or Chief where they do not have to try and figure things out.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
Deputy Chief Dan Casto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Casto".

Any questions

PLEASE Call me 304-374-4592