

Rutland City Police Commission

August 13, 2018

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Luther Brown, Chris Siliski, Tom Calcagni

Not Present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander David LaChance, Sgt. Sam Delpha, Commander Matt Prouty, Commander Greg Sheldon

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm, opening with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Siliski to approve the minutes for July 9, 2018. Motion passed 3-0.

Introduction/recognition of Police Department Members

None

Public Comment

Chairman Sargeant addresses a call on 7/23/18 from a complainant about an interaction her son had with Patrol. A meeting was held with the complainant and her son and a review of the dash cam was done with the Sergeant's comments being sent to Commander Sheldon and after his review, Chairman Sargeant is very comfortable with the way the officer handled the call.

Chairman Sargeant has completed ride-alongs with three of the shifts and is waiting for good weather for the bicycle ride-along with Officer Morgano. He recommends that each member of the Police Commission participate in a ride-along.

Chief Kilcullen received a thank you from the Community Resource Officer Lynn Tucker of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for the attendance and helping at the TRIAD Senior picnic held in June.

Chief Kilcullen received a thank you from the Fay Honey Knopp Memorial School at the Howard Center on Park Street for attendance at the BBQ and the participation in basketball coached by ACO Tim Jones.

There was communication through Mayor Allaire with reference to a call from a woman who had issues with a fireworks call and the department not responding to her first call, however, they did respond to the second call, but the fireworks were over. This will be addressed at the roll call for noise disturbance training.

Mayor Allaire relayed another complaint he received from a former officer from 20 years ago who had called the department and wanted to get information about a health and welfare check on his mother, however, the call taker wouldn't release any information and it was determined that they handled the call properly.

The last call that Mayor Allaire wanted to pass along was a complaint about a big yellow school bus on Park St outside the Fairgrounds that was being used as an RV and needing to be moved. Boondocks Towing is trying to contact the owner. There is a Charter and Ordinance meeting August 23 and the property line and roadway will be addressed.

Communication from the Union

They are still waiting for representatives from the union re: open negotiations, as the city is reluctant until the Sergeant's contract is settled.

Commander's Report

Commander Sheldon reports that it has been a busy month. They are continuously getting a good attendance at the monthly Vision meetings of 80 or more. BROCC took the lead on the items for the refugees and the items have been moved to BROCC. Tom Donahue will task folks to inventory the items.

VISION is working with: Vermont Counsel of Aging; Alan Saltis of the Department of Labor for one day a month for a youth employment project; Lori Sheridan from Reach Up.

A meeting is being set up with Treasurer Mary Markowski this week for the budget narrative for the Human Trafficking Case Manager.

There was a good turnout from the Police Department at the National Night Out despite the weather.

The rifle qualifications for patrol went well last week.

Sergeants Delpha, Dickerson and Whitehead will be attending the FBI Leadership Training next week in Massachusetts.

Assistance was given to the State Police with reference to a high speed pursuit and assisted with the spike strip.

Things are going well in patrol. Officer Williams completed the pre-basic summary.

Mapping Update

Chief Kilcullen gives the mapping update as Analyst GoodHale is on vacation. Since the last RutStat meeting, Walmart and Price Chopper are the top 3 repeat calls. Aggravated Assaults are up however, everything else is down. The average calls for service is down. The department is focusing on being proactive.

Budget

Fiscal year 2018 will be closed out by the 21st. The department is in pretty good shape for what is outstanding. There are no expenditures coming in. 2018 will end with a \$100,000 surplus. Discussions held with reference to the roof repairs to two leaks and the need to repair the roof completely.

Fiscal Year 2019, two months in, 16 and 2/3% of the budget with 10 1/2% of the budget being spent.

Chief's Report

7/10 – Attended Treatment Court graduation of 3 people

7/13 – Read a book to the kids at Friday Night Live with the bike officer and canine officer present

Chief Kilcullen and Commander Prouty met with Nate, the National Guard Analyst and his new Chief.

7/26 - Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Prouty and LaChance met with the Lt. Governor with reference to the incident that Commander Sheldon addressed of the person that was charged with under aged drinking with the persons phone being taken from him. The mother had contacted agencies to include: ACLU, the Governor and IACP.

Attended the BBQ at the Howard Center.

8/1 - met with City Attorney Matt Bloomer and Charter and Ordinance Committee Chair Rebecca Mattis with a meeting scheduled for August 23 for parking issues. Discussions were held as to getting rid of the blithe properties in the Northwest neighborhood and parking issues around the city. Commissioner Siliski would like to attend the meeting on the 23rd.

Discussions held as to the 2009 Crown Victoria not being able to pass inspection and getting permission to scrap it.

8/7 - Center Street Marketplace ribbon cutting.

8/7 - National Night Out.

Chief Kilcullen and Commander LaChance traveled to Montpelier to attend the Liquor Control hearing for the Hideaway, however, it was cancelled.

The city is hosting a family picnic and pool event at White's pool on Thursday.

8/23 – Charter and City Ordinance meeting at 5:30 in the conference room at City Hall.

Dunkin Donuts on Woodstock Avenue will be hosting a Cop on Top event.

The grant funded Investigator position for the State Attorney's office has been posted. Investigator Ryan Ashe is in it now.

Process to begin soliciting interest in the Southern VT Drug Task Force position opened to patrol and detectives.

The Local lawsuit was dismissed.

Three officers are in the Level 3 basic class at the VT Police Academy, Ambrosia Houle, Brianna Roberts and Oscar Menjivar.

July 18, one of the canines went out on surgery and will be out a few months.

Training Completed

7/9 to 7/13 - Use of Force Instructor training for Officer Billings

7/11 to 7/12 - Officers Morgano and Plakas completed drug interdiction traffic stop training

7/18 to 7/19 - Investigator Ashe attended Human trafficking, sexual assault, building collaborative training

Record Clerks Moore and Brady attended NCIC TAC training and CPS Child Safety Seats

Patrol Rifle Training and qualifications were held last week.

Upcoming Training

8/16/ and 8/17 - Cpl Plemmons and Officer Maguire to attend Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement

8/20 to 8/24 - School Resource Officer LaGuardia to Attend Basic School Resource Officer training

8/15 and 17th - Sgt. Delpha is conducting the Annual PT test.

Based on the weather forecast for tomorrow, the Winter in August event will be held at the VT Farmer's Food Center.

A motion to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of a public officer or employee was made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni at 7:11pm. Motion passed 3-0. Entered into executive session at 7:13pm.

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk. The executive session exited at 7:35pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:35pm and adjourned at 7:36pm.

Submitted by:

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Mayor David Allaire
Police Commission
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Board of Aldermen
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