

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Chairperson Anchor called the meeting to order at 6:19PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Members Present: Ald. Dan Anchor, Mayor Ed Wojnicz, Ald. Brian Holzem, Ald. Ben Anderson

Others: Ald. Terry Marshall, City Clerk/Coordinator Nancy Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Terry, Police Chief Jody Ward, Fire Chief Pat Gavinski, City Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Tollaksen, Public Works Director David Holzem and City Attorney Joseph Hasler

2. Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to approve the February 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Fire Chief Pat Gavinski presented his proposed 2020 operating and capital budgets for the Fire Department. Operating budget came in with a 2.5% increase. Gavinski is asking for \$80,000 in additional funding needed for a new truck that currently has \$250,000 in PRT funds committed for it. Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Mayor to approve and forward to the Finance Committee, the proposed operating budget as presented, and the capital request towards a new truck, less the proceeds from the sale of the truck it is replacing. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Police Chief Jody Ward presented his proposed 2020 operating and capital budgets. Operating budget, which has a 6.69% increase, includes an additional police officer and related clothing/equipment expenses for that officer. These numbers do not factor in the health insurance premium increase as those numbers were just recently made available. Revenues show a decrease of 15.84%. Chief Ward presented police staffing comparisons with other communities indicating by comparison, that the Dells is understaffed and that it's a safety concern. Mayor Wojnicz stated that the officers do a great job however the city can only do so much financially. Chief Ward presented his 2020 capital requests which included 2 new squads with equipment for \$98,140; and new squad computers for \$27,994, totaling \$136,134 in capital requests. Chief Ward stated that the vehicles are hybrids and that there should be a cost savings in fuel. Motion by Ald. Holzem seconded by Ald. Anderson to approve and forward to the Finance Committee, the proposed operating and capital budgets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Police Chief Jody Ward presented his proposed 2020 operating and capital budgets for Public Safety and Emergency Management. Capital request of \$20,885 is for emergency siren replacement and repairs. Motion by Ald. Anderson seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to approve and forward to the Finance Committee, the proposed operating and capital budgets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. No date was sent for the next meeting.
7. Motion Ald. Anderson seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

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Nancy R. Holzem  
City Clerk/Coordinator