



March 7, 2019 Public Safety Committee - Minutes

The City of Adel's Public Safety Committee met in the council chambers at Adel City Hall, 301 South 10th Street, Adel, Iowa, on March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Selby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: McAdon, Ockerman, and Selby. Others: City Administrator Brown and Fire Chief Nemechek.

McAdon motioned, seconded by Ockerman, to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began on the Fire Department's breathing air compressor. Nemechek stated that the compressor's lifespan is coming to an end. So far, two quotes have been obtained to replace it for less than \$20,000.

Selby stated that it would be beneficial for the Fire Department to review all equipment so that the City can begin planning for future budgets. Nemechek noted that the Department will be reviewing its trucks in the coming months. This review will help the Department's five-year plan.

Brown asked if there were any other options to replace the compressor. Nemechek stated that the Department could go to Dallas Center or De Soto in the interim. Ockerman asked if the old cascade system could be used or if bottles could be rented. Nemechek noted that the Department would not have the ability to fill the bottles back up.

McAdon stated that there may be some funds in the equipment upgrade line item. Nemechek stated that the bunker gear line item is miscoded and that there is only \$1,458 available.

Ockerman asked if the current budget had any room. Nemechek stated that the Department's budget is relatively adequate for operations. However, there is not much room for major expenses or future growth.

McAdon asked about the Department's relationship with the Fire Association. Nemechek noted that the Association, which is not controlled by the Department, has focused on fundraising for major equipment.

The committee and Nemechek agreed that communicating and working together on budget items like the compressor will help the City and the Department going forward. Ockerman asked if anything from the Department's FY19-20 Budget could be delayed. Brown asked whether the data processing line item would have extra funds this year. Nemechek stated that he will be reviewing the budget in detail.

Selby asked Nemechek to gather more information and to review the Department's budget in-depth. Nemechek will work with City staff to determine how to fund the compressor.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Brown
City Administrator