

**JULY 6, 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, Anne Radtke (remotely), and Robert Reynolds. Also present were Police Chief Robert Kowalski, City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Mayor Christopher Lund, and Reporter Sam Martino.

Chief Kowalski confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

ELECT CHAIR:

A Radtke/Burdick motion to nominate Jim Burdick as Chair, passed on a 3/0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES:

A Radtke/Burdick motion to approve the March 2, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENTS LAW ENFORCEMENT PRINCIPALS POSITION STATEMENT:

Chief Kowalski stated that with everything currently going on in our world in regards to police, he felt it was important for the Edgerton Police Department to express to the citizens of Edgerton the departments principals.

A Reynolds/Radtke motion to approve the Police Departments Law Enforcement Principals Position Statement, passed, on a 3/0 roll call vote.

Chief Kowalski also stated that all of the officers are signed up for de-escalation training.

DICUSS PURCHASE OF 2020 BUDGETED POLICE SQUAD:

Chief Kowalski stated that the reason for the delay on the purchase of the new squad was due to factories being shut down.

A Reynolds/Burdick motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango Police 4x4 SUV in the amount of \$28,062.00, passed, on a 2/1 roll call vote. Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Aldersperson Radtke stated that she feels they should stay with purchasing the same motor vehicles they have purchased in the past. Chief Kowalski stated that in doing research they found that the Dodge Durango is cheaper to maintain than the Dodge Charger.

DISCUSS POLICE TRAINING:

Chief Kowalski expressed the importance in training especially during these difficult times. Some of the training the Officers will have is Crisis Management, De-escalation, and Mental Health.

INTRODUCE NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICER GAVIN WHITNEY:

Chief Kowalski stated that Officer Whitney comes from the Clinton Police Department which makes him familiar with the Rock County systems. Officer Whitney also has a military background. He is currently working and had a call so is unable to attend the meeting. Officer Whitney was official sworn in today by Judge Pope.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Kowalski stated that the department is doing well and all of the Officers are happy to be working for the Edgerton Police Department.

Being no other business before the Public Safety Committee, a Radtke/Reynolds motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Robert Kowalski/Ino
Police Chief