

Mar-Mac Unified
Police Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018 6:00 p.m.

The Mar-Mac Unified Police Commission met in special session at the Mar Mac Police Station on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Echard opened the meeting. Commissioners in attendance were Carroll, Soulli, Denning, and Echard. Young was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Robert Millin, Bonnie Basemann, Treasurer for the Commission, and Officer Marcus Ploessl.

The towing contract for 2019 was reviewed. Several revisions to contract language and the change to the storage period start were discussed. Denning moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the 2019 towing contract with Bud's Repair, Inc. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

2019-2020 budget discussions began with a review of Chief Millin's revision to the preliminary budget provided to commissioners in November. The revised budget showed a reduction in total budget expenditures to \$262,169. The revenue requirement shown was \$4,200 STEP grant and \$258,000 to the cities. The budget draft would increase wages to a more competitive level and focus on recruiting certified officers, thereby reducing the budget for training costs. The budget would allow for a third full-time officer.

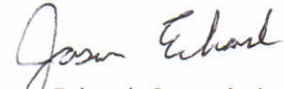
Soulli posed the question of eliminating one vehicle. This would require the two officers to share a vehicle with the chief having his own vehicle and done on a one year trial basis. Carroll stated this could reduce costs associated with maintenance, insurance and depreciation. Chief Millin informed the commission that offering the officers their own squad car could be considered an additional perk in light of the lower pay scale available to offer those being recruited to the force. McGregor Mayor, Lyle Troester, reinforced the goal of improving the public perception of the department and encouraged the commission to consider the value of higher wages and individual use of a squad car to recruit and retain quality officers. With no consensus met, Denning asked that the Chief provide a cost breakdown for vehicles at the January 9, 2019 commission meeting when a budget must be approved for submission to the cities. This should include service and repair costs, mileage usage, insurance costs and the depreciation/rotation schedule.

Carroll requested that the meetings be held alternately at the McGregor and Marquette City Halls. This could be more conducive for public attendance. Commissioners were not opposed and will discuss when the 2019 meeting schedule is approved in January. The 2018 audit report was handed out and will be discussed in January.

Chief's report: Delinquent ticket notices have been sent out. The new software upgrades are expected to be complete by the end of next month. DOT updates are scheduled to be completed by the end of next quarter. The Chief acknowledged that the proposed budget is higher, but that is needed to make the department more competitive in staffing and to raise the level of professionalism of the force. All line items have been reviewed and reduced if possible. Commissioner Denning asked the status of

Ploessl's certification exam. Scheduling the exam has been delayed during budget discussions. Denning expressed his disappointment that the agreement that was approved and payment submitted has not been

With no further business to conduct Denning moved, seconded by Carroll to adjourn. Ayes – all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Jason Echard, Commission Chair

Attest:



Lynette L. Sander, Secretary