**Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Public Safety Building**

**February 7, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE** John Kelly, Chair/Councilmember

Tony Belot, Councilmember

Mark Bethune, City Administrator

Kristin Swanson, Police Clerk

Chris Gard, Orting Police Chief

**Call to Order at 9:30 AM**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of January 2019 Minutes**

**Police Department Update**

**New Staff**

* The department’s recent hire started her training program, this week, at the police academy. Her anticipated academy graduation date will be this June 12th.
* A conditional offer of employment was accepted by an additional entry-level officer. He is currently in the process of completing all required pre-employment evaluations. Once successfully completed, he will participate in the next available police academy.
* The department will be conducting additional interviews for a third entry-level candidate within the next few weeks.

**Vehicles**

* Chief Gard would like to purchase additional vehicles for the department. Several non-operable police vehicles have already been sold at government auction or our slated for auction. He is exploring replacing some of these vehicles with a Ford Escape and Ford Fusion Hybrid. This would help accommodate the needs of code enforcement, administration and investigations.

**Committee Goals**

* The committee began reviewing their goals for 2020. This included discussion of a possible City wide evacuation drill. Finalizing a City evacuation/emergency management plan as well as a plan that covers the whole valley. Goals for the police department with regard to training, certifications and staffing.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 AM**