**Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Public Safety Building**

**March 5, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE** John Kelly, Chair/Councilmember

Tony Belot, Councilmember

Mark Bethune, City Administrator

Kristin Swanson, Police Clerk

**Call to Order at 8:00 AM**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of February 2020 Minutes**

**Police Department Update**

**Vehicles**

* The department purchased two Ford Fusions and a Ford Escape. The vehicles are all hybrids and should arrive in the summer. They will require minimal law enforcement outfitting and will be “road ready” before fall.

**Staffing**

* Chief Gard reported that we currently have an individual enrolled in the police academy and a second waiting to begin the academy. That hire is currently training/shadowing at our department. He reports that we plan to hire an additional entry level candidate. He is currently interviewing candidates for that open slot.

**Emergency Management**

* Chief Gard recently participated in a regional emergency management conference which was attended by several other law enforcement entities. The conference focused on the creation of similar emergency/catastrophe plans, response efforts and the potential of sharing resources.

**Covid-19**

* The committee discussed the fact that Good Samaritan Hospital is currently treating individuals with Covid-19. The police department is taking measures to ensure officer safety and has purchased equipment to utilize in their interactions as first responders. In addition, they are also employing “social distancing” tactics.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan**

* The City Administrator discussed the City’s plan and the various FEMA requirements, such as the need for the plan to be updated every five years. In addition, City vulnerabilities, declaration of assets, action plans, the FEMA grant process and plan timelines were addressed.

**Adjournment**

**9:10 AM**