**Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Public Safety Building**

**June 5, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE** John Kelly, Co-Chair/Councilmember

Tony Belot, Co-Chair/Councilmember

Mark Bethune, City Administrator

Chris Gard, Orting Police Chief

Kristin Swanson, Police Clerk

**Call to Order at 8:10 am**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of June 2020 Minutes**

**Orting Police Dept. Update**

**(Chief Gard)**

**Hiring/Staffing**

* The police department currently has an individual in the police academy slated to graduate in August. In addition, we have an entry level hire that passed all of his required testing and is waiting for an academy start date.
* A conditional offer of employment was made to a 3rd entry level officer. This individual is in the process of completing the required medical and psychological exams. Once completed, he will likely join the next available academy class.
* Chief Gard reported that we have a reserve officer candidate in the background investigation portion of the employment process. This individual is a police academy graduate with practical experience as a law enforcement officer.

**Bike Patrol**

* Chief Gard expressed interested in converting the police trailer, which is in the public safety building secured lot, into a bike patrol office. He indicated that it would require some small updates. The committee discussed potential locations for the trailer.

**Criminal Justice Training Commission Fitness Testing**

* Due to Covid-19, law enforcement entities have been requested to provide their own physical ability testing for academy bound staff. Chief Gard indicated that our department supervisors will conduct and videotape testing and submit results to the police academy per their outlined protocol.

**Other**

**Drone**

* The committee requested a copy of the police department drone policy. Chief Gard reported that the department was required to meet all of the FAA and Homeland Security requirements to operate the drone. It was suggested that Lt. Gabreluk provide the City Council with a drone demonstration.

**Traffic Mitigation Plan**

* The committee requested that Chief Gard/Fire Chief Zane update the committee on the progress being made with regard to this plan.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 am**