

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Crime Control and Prevention District convened the meeting at 8:11 p.m. (due to the earlier Special City Council meeting running late) with the following members present:

Mark Taylor	Chairperson
Lovie Downey	Vice-Chairperson
Juanita King	Secretary
Scott Prescher	Director (absent)
Tom Snyder	Director
Andrew Neal	Director
Kim Irving	Director (absent)
Art Miner	Director

and

Andrea Gardner	City Manager
Terri Johnson	Interim City Secretary
Deby Woodard	Assistant Director of Finance
Robert Parker	Chief of Police

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget for Crime Control and Prevention District for FY 2019-2020

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:12 p.m.

Deby Woodard, Assistant Director of Finance, recommended that public comments be received at this time.

Public Comments:

Kristi Gregory, 6933 Declaration – stated that the proposed budget confirmed

that the Police Department was understaffed and underpaid. She also addressed the moral of the department and talked about the Police Banquet that was discussed at the May 29, 2019 meeting.

David Griffin, 6401 Kennedy Court – stated he agreed with everything Ms. Gregory talked about. He also stated that he was concerned with the use of the fund balance to pay for operating expenses every year.

Chris Campagna, 6600 Brookdale – stated that the Board should have squashed the discussion of not holding the Police Banquet at the previous meeting. He didn't agree that the Council planned to go away on retreat and not hold it at a City facility.

Director Miner corrected the comment about his rank in the Navy. He stated that he retired as Senior Chief Petty Officer. The second thing he addressed was the assumption that taking the \$3,000 away was a done deal. That was a comment that was made at the last meeting questioning the amount. No one took that money away and yet everyone jumped on that bandwagon. He stated that nothing had been done to the funding. This meeting was to get public's input on the proposed budget.

Chairperson Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 8:21p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action on the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020

Assistant Finance Director gave a short presentation on the Proposed Budget for the Crime Control and Prevention District for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Director Miner questioned the increase in Special Services, which Mrs. Woodard explained was for a variety of things including increased costs for the Police Banquet and other cost increases in general.

Chairperson Taylor made a comment about the Special Services increase. He announced that he had visited with Chief Parker and the Police Banquet is just one small portion of this section. This is a \$3,000 increase in the budget so the officers can be recognized in an appropriate manner where the need might be.

Mr. Taylor reported on a program in the Police Department that gave the officers an opportunity to be recognized and to recognize each other and to have a mechanism in the budget to allow them to do so. It is not \$3,000 for a banquet; it is an increase of \$3,000 to the overall Special Services budget to allow for recognition of deserving officers within our department. Hopefully, officers will be able to recognize each other in peer awards to help stimulate and promote cooperation and morale within the department. It is not just a banquet.

Mr. Taylor also reported that there was discussion at a previous meeting that in the future, the District does not continue to spend money that we're not bringing in. He felt this described the need for multi-year budgeting.

No further comments were made and no action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED: this 8th day of July, 2019

SIGNED: this 11 day of July, 2019

ATTEST:

Juanita King /s/

Secretary

APPROVED:

Lovie Downey /s/

Vice Chairperson

NOTE: Original Audio and Video Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's Office