







August 20, 2019

Chief Starman reported the Pikeland School Board will be meeting tomorrow, August 21, and if approved, the Public Safety Committee and three school officials will be interviewing for a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) Tuesday, August 27. The school will pay half of the \$50,000 salary. Two applicants currently employed with the City of Pittsfield Police Department will be interviewed, as well as two other applicants. Officer Jennifer Thompson is currently serving as the temporary SRO. The City of Pittsfield and the school will each pay 50% of the cost for nine months of the year and the City will pay 100% of the cost for the remaining three months. If the successful applicant is currently employed by the City, a new full-time officer will need to be hired but if the successful applicant is not currently employed by the City, they will only need to be sent to schooling for SRO training. Missouri is mandating SRO's in classrooms and Chief Starman stated from what he learned at a recent Chief of Police orientation, it is only a matter of time until Illinois also requires it. The plan is for Officer Paul Petty to work part-time at the high school and the new SRO work full-time at Pikeland Community School and South Elementary School. Officer Clint Weir is also working one day per week.

Mayor Hayden said work will begin soon on the alleys behind Jiffi Stop and the Moose. Permits had to be resubmitted for the water extension project on West Street from Washington Street to Fayette Street.

Alderman Knight set a Gas Committee meeting for Monday, August 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss meter reading software and financing and possible purchase of meter reading material.

Alderman Wombles asked if anyone had mentioned the stoplight that is burned out at Washington Street and Memorial Street. Mayor Hayden said he had called about it and is trying to get it fixed.

Alderman Wilson asked what the hole is next to the street north of the new IHS Pharmacy. Mayor Hayden said it is a collapsed storm sewer and is the owner's responsibility to repair it. It was supposed to be repaired before the pharmacy was built. It is a clay pipe and the 2" rock placed on top of it crushed it. Alderman Wilson asked if Mr. Petty had been given a timeframe to complete the repair. Street and Alley Foreman Jeff Griggs said he knows Mr. Petty got the pipe last week. It was suggested Mr. Petty be contacted to see what his plan is and if there isn't one, a committee meeting be held, and Mr. Petty be invited to attend.

Mayor Hayden reminded the Council there is an Airport Committee meeting in ten minutes to discuss the airport cash farm lease and approval for the windmill project, as well as items that need to be done at the airport and who is going to do them.

Alderman Ritchart asked that it be put in the minutes that the Council thanks City Clerk Cindy Prentice for the thirty-seven years she has worked for the City.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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City Clerk