

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Fairbury met Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30p.m. in the city offices located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska. Notice of meeting was given in advance.

Roll call found the following Public Safety Committee members Phil Rogge, Brad Kuzelka, and John Ebke.

The meeting was called meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and Ebke stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted near the entry of the meeting room. Rogge motioned to convene the Public Safety Committee was made. Motion seconded by Kuzelka. Ebke, Kuzelka, and Rogge voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Kuzelka motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Public Safety meeting. Motion seconded by Rogge. Kuzelka, Rogge, and Ebke voted “yes”. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement for law enforcement services between Jefferson County and the City of Fairbury was discussed. Discussion was had that in the future the committee would like to review the breakdown of the individual costs associated with the presented law enforcement budget, versus just a line-item number. The committee, in the future, would like to hold a meeting in mid-June to discuss with the Sheriff the budget and any other concerns. The increase in November was the last of the 6% increase, beginning in 2025 the increase will go back to 3%, unless otherwise approved by committee and council.

Other items discussed include the Jefferson County judicial system. The city contracts with the county attorney for prosecution of city violations and there is concern that many of the violations are being viewed and dismissed with minimal consequences.

With no further business, Rogge motioned to adjourn the Public Safety Committee at 7:35pm. Motion seconded by Kuzelka. Ebke, Kuzelka, and Rogge voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Submitted on behalf of the Public Safety Committee Chair, Ebke