

Safety Services Committee

Monday, August 2, 2010

Members Present: Craig Turco, Elaine Morris, David Richards, Todd Fordahl, Nathan Pry, Steve Flaigg, Melisa Ralston and Mary Kelly
Others Present Officer Steve Poortinga

Council Member Turco called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Broeder: asked the committee to consider banning the sale of fireworks within the City. He stated that the monies made from the legal sale of fireworks do not outweigh the risk of another fire such as the Finnegan Lane fire in 2007.

Direction: This item to be discussed at a future Safety Services meeting. Place on agenda as ongoing item

Agenda Item 2 and 3 were moved forward for discussion at this time.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT K-9 DONATION** - Nathan Pry, Fire Marshal
Nathan reported that the Fire Department has received a private donation (not grant) to assist with funding daily needs and training for a Dalmatian adopted from the "Save a Spot" rescue program in Turlock. 'Jack' was adopted by Nathan with the intention of becoming a fire prevention and public education dog. Nathan asked that Council approve the acceptance of the donation.
Direction: Recommendation of approval to go before Council under consent agenda at the 8/3 Council meeting.

- SAM CHOY BUILDING – REQUEST OFFICE SPACE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT** -
Greg Petersen, Deputy Fire Chief
Greg requested the use by the Fire Department of the Sam Choy Building as an administrative office for the Fire Department. If, in the future, the City decides to rent the space out, Fire will vacate the site. The committee approved the use by the fire department of the Sam Choy Building and recommended Fire move forward with the plan.

- POLICE DISPATCH CONTRACT (continued from July 19th meeting)** – Interim Police Chief Fordahl and City Administrator Dave Richards
Todd provided a handout with dispatch proposals from Calaveras County Sheriff's Office and Ripon Police Department. Todd explained there are still some unknown funding issues with the Calaveras figure and he and the City Administrator still needed to meet with the County CAO. A conference call was placed to Linda and Dan with the Ripon Police Department and the committee discussed several topics of concern and items unclear in the Ripon proposal. Ripon assured the Committee that after having worked as partners with the City of Escalon on Dispatch services since 1997, areas of concern can be dealt with.

The committee directed Officer Poortinga and Chief Fordahl to work together to get more precise information on both agencies for review by the Council. All agreed that Calaveras will be increasing costs.

Direction: Item will be discussed as informational only at the City Council meeting on August 3rd. Committee and staff will provide "best guess" for dispatch proposal.

STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports were given.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.