CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Return to Excellence

Hubbert Yopp Mayor

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS Minutes of November 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Commissioner Hicks.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Curis, Commissioner Watkins; Secretary Erica George, Chief Logan, Charles Lackey, Sgt. Payne

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 17, 2018, were approved.

Opening Remarks

Commissioner Hicks: "I have no opening remarks at this time."

Commissioner Watkins: "I would like to mention to the Chief or Mayor for the secretary to receive a badge."

Chief Logan: "I will look into it for you."

Commissioner Watkins: "Thank you. I think she deserves a badge. It does not have to state commissioner on it but she deserves it."

Commissioner Curis: "I agree."

Police Department

Chief Logan: "We went almost 90 days without a traffic complaint. We did put two of our traffic officers back on the road who were taken off. We did get one complaint but I am hoping the complaints are low. As we discussed last meeting, DORS or cops logic is the system we are trying to get for citizens to make less serious reports via the internet."

Commissioner Hicks: "How long before you will get the system?"

Chief Logan: "Beginning of the year."

Commissioner Curis: "How will that effect fraudulent reports?"

Chief Logan: "I do not believe it will be any more then what it is now."

Commissioner Hicks: "Who will monitor? How will the community be informed?"

Chief Logan: "We will monitor it. We will go on TV, radio shows, etc. to promote the system along with the Mayor."

Commissioner Hicks: "I normally hear of incidents or event in the community but does the departments notify the chairman?"

Chief Logan: "There has not been many incidents or events but if we need to come up with a system for you all to be notified we can."

Commissioner Hicks: "Yes, I think if we know about events that would be great."

Fire Department

Sgt. Payne: "I will pass out the fire investigations and total runs for October. The incident on Pilgrim was a fire bomb. The first incident the resident was able to put it out but the second time it destroyed the home but no one was hurt. We did send samples to the lab and waiting for results but it was an intentionally set fire. We did interview the resident and neighbors and they stated the family has not been a problem. Also, we are giving or installing smoke detectors and now replacing the batteries if needed. Recently, the fire station was broken into on Friday while the crew was sleep. We believe paramedics was leaving or coming back and scared the person away. In October for Angels Night, we did not have a lot of volunteers but we still followed through and it was a slow three days."

Chief Logan: "We asked citizens to turn on their lights to keep the crime down and were trying to get away from the citizens patrolling the neighborhoods."

Commissioner Curis: "Do we have home owner contacts? I would like to know what the community needs."

Sgt. Payne: "The chief does open up the fire station to block clubs for their meetings." Commissioner Hicks: "Can we motion to cancel our meeting in December and resume in January?"

Commissioner Curis: "I motion to move."

Commissioner Hicks: "Approved."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00pm, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

cc: City Clerk