MINUTES OF FIRE AND POLICE JOINT

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 2025

The meeting was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209 at Quincy City Hall. Present were Alderman Jeff Bergman, Alderwoman Kelly Mays, Alderman Greg Fletcher, Police Chief Adam Yates, Deputy Chief Mike Tyler, Deputy Chief Travis Wiemelt, Fire Chief Steve Salrin, Director of Operations Dan Brink. Also in attendance: Alderwoman Laura McReynolds.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Alderman Jeff Bergman.

Minutes

Ald. Mays made a motion for the prior meeting minutes for the Fire Aldermanic Committee to be approved. Seconded by Ald. Fletcher.

Ald. Mays made a motion for the prior meeting minutes for the Police Aldermanic Committee to be approved. Seconded by Ald. Fletcher.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Quincy Ordinance Violation Fee Changes: Deputy Chief Mike Tyler went through the current fees for ordinance violations. Fees have not been changed since 2005. Proposing an increase in the possession of cannabis fee a couple hundred dollars for the first offense, possession of liquor by a minor, some of the criminal offenses, parking fines and traffic violations haven't been raised in many years. Some are only $20 fines could be raised to $40. Quincy University parking on Chestnut fine is $30. The fines haven't increased along with the cost of inflation. Salaries have increased over the years, but fines have not increased. He put together a document outlining the proposals and will send it to the committee members for review. It would help to deter from criminal behavior in Quincy.

Ald. Bergman agrees that it should not be seen as a way to gain additional revenue to offset costs, but as a teaching tool and a deterrent to change activity.

DC Tyler said with the way the fines are set currently, even with 2nd and 3rd offenses, the penalty is not that high.

Ald. Bergman asked if it had been 20 years and DC Tyler said the last change was July 1st of 2005. Ald. Bergman agreed it is time to review and assess possibly increasing those fines.

Flock Safety Cameras 2-Year Contract (QPD): Chief Yates is requesting approval to move forward with a new two-year contract with Flock Safety in the amount of $66,250.00. Did look at a one year versus a two contract, but there was really no benefit. The two-year contract locks QPD in on the price, but we only have to pay one year at a time. No benefit to paying the entire two years upfront, so only seeking approval to pay for the 1st year. During our last meeting the committee requested some success stories so Chief Yates will be doing a presentation at tonight's City Council meeting. Chief Yates reviewed what he will be presenting at the meeting. A testament to these cameras is when we got the cameras in 2023, we were the 1st agency within 100 miles to have them. Since QPD has installed cameras, several agencies in the surrounding area have also implemented them. We could never hire enough personnel to do what these cameras do for QPD.

Ald. Fletcher asked if the 20 cameras QPD has is enough. Chief Yates said we could probably use more, but right now a couple of them will just get moved to better areas. There is a charge of $750 to move the cameras, but because Adams County installed a couple. QPD's cameras will be moved to different locations. Lowe's now has a couple of them we can use, and Home Depot will be getting some in the future. Ald. Fletcher asked if there have been any horror stories with them.

Ald. Bergman asked about the privacy concerns of the cameras because that was one of the biggest issues when they were first implemented. Chief Yates said that according to the Supreme Court a license plate is public information. The information gleaned from the license plates cannot be shared with the public. There were concerns about Flock Safety inappropriately using the data, but in the two years we have had the cameras, no evidence has been presented that mishandling of the data has occurred. The current issues brought up regarding the State of Illinois and laws that have been passed that prohibit the use of Illinois license plate reader data for certain investigations including immigration and reproductive health investigations. Flock Safety has gone above and beyond and put disclaimers in their software so if someone accesses our cameras, they have to declare that they are not using the data for those types of investigations. There are great electronic audit trails that track when and who is accessing the data. Those audit trails last forever. No indication that data is ending up somewhere it shouldn't. If there would be a data breach, the only information that they would gain is millions of pictures of the backs of vehicles. No personal information is included. Only law enforcement can run the plate to get personal information. Very secure system and Flock does a great job of tracking all the searches that are done.

Ald. Bergman said as long as you are not breaking the law, you should have nothing to worry about. DC Tyler said that you can't travel many places without seeing a Flock Camera.

Chief Yates said there is no type of enforcement that comes with the cameras. The camera simply takes a picture of the back of the car and is only used if law enforcement needs that information.

Ald. Fletcher made the motion to approve and send the 2-year contract to City Council for approval. Seconded by Ald. Mays. The item will be placed on the regular agenda.

QPD Annual Report: The preliminary 2024 annual report was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting to give the members the opportunity to review the report prior to it being

sent to the City Council on Monday, September 22nd to be received and filed. Chief Yates went over some of the highlights.

Ald. Bergman requested Chief Yates to give a brief overview at the Council Meeting next week before the report will be received and filed. Chief Yates said the report will be posted on QPD's webpage once it is received and filed.

Replacement of Engine 2 (QFD): Chief Salrin said typical apparatus replacement is on a 20-year cycle, typically the frontline ones that are replaced are moved to reserve status. Age of the current frontline fleet: 1 - 2005, 2 - 2010s, and 2 - 2019s. In reserve there is a 1992 aerial platform, a 1995 engine, a 1999 rescue, and a 2001 engine.

During a recent yearly inspection, rust issues were discovered within the frame and the box the ladder base sits on and operates from. Last year there were rust issues and we had to take the truck out of service for several weeks because the outrigger boxes were deemed not up to standard. Based on the timeline of 20 years, in that 5-year mark of replacement and concerned that due to the notes in the inspection report, it may have to be sooner. Chief Salrin contacted the dealer rep that the last 4 trucks were purchased from and was given 3 options:

1. Custom – which is typically what QFD orders – is 42-48 months out after contract signing.
2. Pre-engineered option – approximately 2 years out – with not much change in pricing from the custom order - $1.7 million for truck that has 75-foot ladder, rescue tools, etc. $113,000 of the $1.7 million is for the new EPA engine emission requirements. Two trucks currently on order fell under the old standard so the price increase was not included for those.
3. Spec unit the dealer has ordered that may meet our needs that may be available in March of 2026. It may not have everything QFD typically looks for, but it is still an option.

Not sure if the payment from the Veterans' Home has been received yet for this year, but once it is received there should be about $340,000 in that account. This year $104,407 was billed to the Vets' Home. Payments of approximately $100,000 a year should be received, but that amount is based on their census on a given date in a calendar year.

If the committee approves, Chief Salrin will pursue option 3 or if that one doesn't meet our needs, go out for RFP by the end of the year for a number to take to Council for the next budget year. Ald. Fletcher wanted to know when the 2 trucks that are ordered are going to arrive. Chief said it would be June/July of 2026. If option 3 is chosen, there is a possibility it could arrive before the other 2 that are already ordered. Ald. Fletcher asked if all 3 of the trucks are received next year, where does that set the department up for the next 5-10 years. Chief Salrin said the oldest front line at that time will be a 2019 so that would be only 6 years into a 20-year cycle. However, the funds are not available to pay for the 3rd truck. Ald. Bergman said the financing issue cannot be solved at this meeting; however, this needs to be addressed soon and begin the process to get the funds.

AARF Protection for Contour Air at QRA: Mayor Moore requested Chief Salrin tell the committee that beginning November 1st, she would like QFD to begin providing AARF protection for the jet service. Currently this is not a requirement under FAA regulations, however, it is possible it will become one. There was a discussion about the number of flights per week, but there is not a final schedule yet. Last time it was a minimum of 2 hours for the crew to be at the airport. The cost would be approximately $112,000 (2 hours per shift x 12 shifts/week x 52 weeks x $45.00 = $56,160.00 x 2 personnel = $112,320.00).

Ald. Mays asked if manpower is available to cover all those shifts. Chief Salrin said the issue is getting the crew to agree to go out there. Last time there were some part-time people that it was part of their job to go out there. Chief Salrin is not in favor of pulling an on-duty truck to go to the airport and leaving the city without protection. Ald. Bergman said it is a good idea to have protection at the airport; however, it is a cost of approximately $112,000. Will need to decide which way to go and how to pay for it.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by Ald. Mays, seconded by Ald. Fletcher.