



## Council Work Session Minutes

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Members of Council met this day in the Community Room, 255 N. Main Street on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for an Executive Session and a work session. The work session began at 6:15 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ware, Council President Block, Councilor Gerber, Councilor Neddeau, Councilor Thompson, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Chambers, & City Administrator Scott McDowell.

**Absent:** No one.

**Public:** No one was present.

Councilor Block and McDowell reviewed the contractual agreement between the City and the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Councilor Block has served as liaison for four years. Block is concerned that the City is not reaching the goal of 25 citations per month. Councilor Hansen said that he did not care about the numbers as long as safety was the priority. Mayor Ware suggested 20 citations be the mark. Councilor Gerber suggested a number of hours instead of a specific number of citations. McDowell explained the discussion with the Sheriff's Office about hours vs. citations. Harrisburg went to Coburg for traffic enforcement services because the Sheriff's Office was unable to consistently meet the hours required by Harrisburg.

Discussion ensued.

Councilor Chambers was concerned about the narrative report and speeding. Motorists grossly over the speed limit were given warnings when others were given tickets for doing less. Chambers is concerned about perceived discrimination that this report shows.

The history of the last six years was briefly reviewed. Overall, the Sheriff's Office has done a great job with communication over several years. Sergeant Klein has taken care of many issues that were very delicate. The Office has also consistently met 15 citations per month.

McDowell will be setting up a meeting with the partner cities and the Linn County Sheriff's Office very soon.

Discussion was held about holding one more teleconference due to meeting room size limitations and the Public Meetings Law. Procuring the necessary equipment to hold a live meeting with attendees in a different room may prove difficult. McDowell will continue to monitor the situation, but Council should plan on a teleconference for at least one more meeting. Meeting with masks on will hamper communication and the recording for the meeting.

McDowell asked about posting large documents to the website and simply including a page in the agenda packet directing members and the public to the web address. The Parks Master Plan is 118 pages, and the budget is 36 pages which would make the upcoming packet well over 200 pages. Council agreed to including a page directing members to the website. McDowell said that if anyone is interested in a hard copy, please let Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow or himself know.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



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Scott McDowell  
City Administrator

**APPROVED:**

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Don Ware  
Mayor