

Chairman Sutphen called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Vilicia Cade, Valerie Cruse, Anthony Harris, Blake Harris, Daryl Murphy, Taylor Sutphen & Daniel Williams

Staff Present: Chief John Orzech, Sgt. Ron Snyder, Detective Sgt. Kevin Youskievicz and Kelly Kresser, Clerk

CURRENT BUSINESS

New members Vilicia Cade, Blake Harris and Daniel Williams were introduced and welcomed to the city's Community Relations Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Anthony Harris and second of Daryl Murphy, the members voted to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019, meeting and suspend the formal reading. Chairman Sutphen declared the motion passed.


NEW BUSINESS

Use of Force

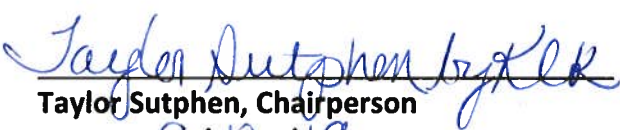
Sgt. Ron Snyder was introduced and provided information regarding the Police Department's Use of Force policy. Sgt. Detective Kevin Youskievicz was introduced as he will be taking over the training program upon Sgt. Snyder's retirement this summer. Taylor Sutphen said he attends violent crisis intervention at his workplace and the use of force should always be a last resort. Chief Orzech said his officers are also provided verbal judo training and use de-escalation tactics for crisis intervention. Vilicia Cade asked how the School Resource Officers are trained and Chief Orzech said they are provided the same training as other Police Officers and additionally attend the annual School Resource Officer Conference and other sessions geared toward active shooter training. Daryl Murphy said the department has come a long way and thanked Chief Orzech for what he has done since becoming Chief. As President of the local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., Daryl Murphy said they have a different perspective as to how people of color are treated. He asked this information be taken back to the officers in the department so they understand it and said this may help with bias. Vilicia Cade said everyone should be conscious of their biases and that everyone has them because of their life experiences. Anthony Harris asked what the N.A.A.C.P. is doing about compliance and Daryl Murphy said they have offered sessions to teach persons of color (or not) how to be compliant when asked questions or asked to do something by a law enforcement officer. Naomi Twine said it is good to get the community involved in these kinds of discussions where people may speak freely. Sgt. Snyder and Sgt. Detective Youskievicz said the department previously had a Citizen Police Academy which was a great tool for members of the Police Department as well as for members of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Anthony Harris and second of Vilicia Cade, the members voted to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. Chairperson Sutphen declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk
Date: 9/12/19



Taylor Sutphen, Chairperson
Date: 9/12/19