

**Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 17, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Mike Rheinecker, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Ben Schwartzkopf, Jeremy DeMond

Council Members Absent: Alan Piel

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf

Committee Chairman Hanebutt called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Hiring of an Additional Police Officer**

Committee Chairman Hanebutt referenced the Proposed New Police Officer Approximate Cost worksheet included in the packets. He asked for a show of hands, which all were in favor of, to add an additional officer to the FY'26 budget. Chief Brittingham may start advertising for the position, with the understanding that the position will not be available until the start of the new fiscal year. Committee Member Donjon questioned whether overtime is allowed, always having two officers on duty. Chief Brittingham said he allows for overtime if an officer wants to work it.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2025**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2025, meeting. Carried*

**II. Departmental Activity Report**

The monthly department activity report was included in the packets.

**III. Rifle Proposal (Increased by One for a Total of Eight) – Loyal 9 Mfg.**

Chief Brittingham is asking to equip all the officers with the same rifle. Currently they all have different style rifles. They have the same shotguns. Donjon questioned why we are looking at purchasing from a San Antonio, TX company, is there no one local who sells these rifles? No one knew of a local gun dealer.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve the proposal from Loyal 9 Mfg. for the purchase of eight rifles, NTE \$18,000. Carried***

**IV. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**  
None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois