



Watertown City Council Work Session

Mayor Steve Washburn
Lindsay Guetzkow
Adam Pawelk
Michael Walters
Dan Schuette

4/13/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Mayor Steve Washburn called the Watertown City Council workshop to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday April 13, 2021 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Council Members Present: Washburn, Michael Walters, Lindsay Guetzkow and Adam Pawelk.

Staff Present: City Administrator Shane Fineran, Administrative Services Director Lynn Tschudi.

Guest: Carver County Sheriff Jason Kammerud and Deputy Mike Wollin

2. Carver County Sheriff Department Update

Carver County Sheriff Jason Kammerud reviewed the reasoning behind the police contract model for Carver County. Carver County is simply trying to recoup the cost of providing services to the cities within the county. Kammerud broke down the various overhead costs added to the contracts. He explained that they keep different employee pools and consider that in the contract costing structure. Kammerud also talked about the deputy training and reimbursement models.

Sheriff Kammerud said the staffing allocation is based on workload to determine how many police officers are assigned to a City. Kammerud shared with council the calculation for how to apply the average time of an officer to figure out how many deputies are required. He emphasized that this is not based on population.

The Sheriff stressed that cities should be having conversations with fire departments, ambulance, and police departments to ensure a coordinated government response. Kammerud shared with council that the Sheriff's office hired mental health crisis worker positions. Mayor Washburn asked if these rolls are in the 911 center. Kammerud said these employees are in dispatch and the co-responder attends calls with deputies.

Mayor Washburn asked about crisis management training for Watertown council and staff to prepare for critical events.

Council member Pawelk asked if the extra investment the City has made in law enforcement over the past two years has paid off. Commander Mike Wollin approached council and said that some data has been provided to the City Administrator showing the various response times on dedicated officers. Washburn asked Kammerud about the recurring problem areas in the community involving drug use. Kammerud shared how the Southwest drug task force works across the counties.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Washburn adjourned the workshop at 6:23 p.m.

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