

Riverton City, Utah
RIVERTON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA
Minutes
April 17, 2018

Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065

Attendance:

Board Chair Trent Staggs
Board Vice-Chair Sheldon Stewart
Board Member Tish Buroker
Board Member Brent Johnson
Board Member Tawnee McCay
Board Member Tricia Tingey

Ryan Carter, Administrator
Virginia Loader, Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Trent Staggs called the Riverton Law Enforcement Service Area Meeting to order at 8:54 p.m. and conducted a roll call wherein Board Members Buroker, Johnson, McCay, Stewart, and Tingey were present.

Discussion / Action Items

1. New FTE: Traffic Safety Plan

Chief Jake Petersen explained the most important way to save lives is through traffic safety. He said that keeping violence rates, aggravated crimes, robberies, and burglaries, down was also important, but death related to Highway Safety was currently their major concern. He reviewed traffic accident patterns, with the common factors being major intersections and state highways, which have higher frequency and injury related accidents.

Officer Jason Adamson presented and reviewed the following Strategic Plan Priorities:

Object 1: Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

- To maintain a visible public safety presence, fostering a feeling of personal safety and security while promptly and effectively responding to calls for service.
- Direct Traffic Enforcement
- Highway safety plan
- Promote health and welfare of citizens
- Save lives

Object 6: Engaged and informed residents

- Provides opportunity to engage, educate, inform and involve the community

- Community informed about traffic safety concerns
- Customer service oriented
- Responds to the needs and concern of the community in a prompt, transparent, and professional manner
- Customer service - Personal contact
- Problem oriented

Discussion was held regarding financing of officers

Chief Petersen then explained the salary ranges for officers located at the Riverton Precinct and requested authorization to hire a Sergeant who would become a Traffic Supervisor. He said the new position would be responsible for training of two traffic officers, as well as other tasks. He said the traffic officers would be actively engaged in traffic enforcement approximately 140 of the 160 hours per month.

The Chief then provided a spreadsheet showing the cost of a first year officer at \$142,342; the cost of a first year Sergeant at \$173,035, with a difference of approximately \$30,000. He said he felt it would be money well spent to have a dedicated officer oversee all aspects of traffic training, traffic safety, and traffic customer service from the Riverton Precinct.

Mayor Staggs spoke in support of the new position and Board Members discussed options for funding a Sergeant position. They also felt that with increasing number of vehicles on the road from developments to the west and along the Mountain View Corridor, the position was necessary. Board Members Stewart and Tingey expressed support for the new position and requested that Mayor Staggs prepare for the Traffic Sergeant position by July 1, 2018. Board Members McCay and Buroker requested additional time to review the budget request. This issue will be discussed further at a future RLESA Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes: RLESA 03-27-18

Board Member Tingey **MOVED to approve the Minutes of 03-27-18**. Board Member Stewart **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Staggs called for discussion on the motion; there being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Board Members Buroker-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McCay-Yes, Stewart-Yes, and Tingey-Yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN

Board Member Sheldon Stewart **MOVED to adjourn**. Board Member Tricia Tingey **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Buroker-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McCay-Yes, Stewart-Yes, and Tingey-Yes. **The motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Approved: RLESA 05-15-18