

**Colona Public Safety
Committee Meeting
08/25/2022**

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chief Swemline, Mick Painter, Chuck Barrett and Laura LaMantia.

Absent: Jessica Cole

Reports/Communication

July Stats were distributed.

There were **654** calls for service.

The following revenue was collected:

City Ordinance=\$625.00

Animal= 0

Misc.=\$135.00

CORA= \$500.00

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief advised he was working on hiring new officers. Chief has hired one new officer and will be hiring another off the eligibility list, but that Officer would need to go to the academy.

Chief advised he is still working with the school on the the SRO position and is currently waiting for a date and time for interviews of those officers interested. The anticipated start date is September 15 depending on personnel needs at the department.

Chief advised he was working on the new budget and said everything has increased such as squads are up 26%, maintenance is up 10%, office supplies up 15%, and fuel is up 50%. Chief advised most are fixed costs and are out of our control therefore his overall budget is up 12.4% from last year.

Chief advised that one of our Officers recently went to Rock Island County and they offered to buy his vest for \$114.75 (the remaining life left in the vest). The vest was fitted for that Officer and Rock Island County offered to reimburse us.

Chief advised he has ordered a new squad for \$35,407.00. Two years ago, the squad cost \$26,000.

Alderman Painter made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Chuck Barrett seconded the motion.

- 2 ayes

-1 absent

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes typed and submitted by: Laura LaMantia