

12TH POLICE OFFICER IN ORDER TO DO THIS. THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WOULD BE AT THE SCHOOL 9 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR. SO THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THE SCHOOL TO PAY FOR 75% OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSITION. IT IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THIS TIME THAN IT WAS 2 YEARS AGO. THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A CAR PURCHASED. THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE DECISION TO HIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. THE ESTIMATE FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE COST IS \$77,965.36 FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND \$25,988.45 FOR THE CITY. IT WOULD GO DOWN CONSIDERABLY THE SECOND YEAR TO \$56,091.74 FOR THE SCHOOL AND \$18,697.25 FOR THE CITY. THE MAYOR SAID HE SUPPORTED IT AND WAS ASKING COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN ASKED HOW SOON WOULD THE SCHOOL WANT THE PERSON TO START. MARK WILLHOITE SAID PROBABLY BY 2 MONTHS INTO THE YEAR HOPEFULLY. HE ALSO SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD IS FULLY VESTED IN HAVING THIS. HE SAID OVER HALF THE COUNTIES IN KENTUCKY HAVE THIS AND MOST OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES DO. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN SAID HE THINKS IT IS A GREAT IDEA BUT IN THE PAST THE CITY PUT A DARE OFFICER IN THE SCHOOLS AND WHEN THE FUNDING DISAPPEARED THE CITY WAS STUCK WITH AN EXTRA OFFICER. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF SENDING A NEW OFFICER TO TRAINING SINCE AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER WOULD BE PLACED IN THE SCHOOLS. BOARD MEMBER, D'ANNE SMITH SAID SHE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE CONSISTENCY WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THAT THEY HAD PROJECTED OUT ON THE BUDGET MORE THAN 1 YEAR TO KEEP THE POSITION. ALSO THERE ARE NO GRANTS INVOLVED IN THE FUNDING THIS TIME. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE POLICE CHIEF. HE SAID HE IS IN SUPPORT OF IT AS HE USED TO BE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. HE DID NOT FORESEE A PROBLEM WITH THE RE-ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL AS THEY HAD ALWAYS MANAGED IT IN THE PAST. CHAPLAIN POLLEY SAID AS A LOCAL PASTOR HE IS ASKED THE QUESTION ALL THE TIME, "WHAT IS HERE FOR OUR CHILDREN?" HE URGED COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AN ADDED VALUE RESOURCE FOR OUR FAMILIES.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROVIDING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TO THE SCHOOLS WITH THE FIGURES AS PRESENTED.

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JUNIOR WELCH

THE MAYOR RECOGNIZED JUNIOR WELCH AS HE HAD NOT SEEN HIM EARLIER AND ASKED IF HE WAS THERE FOR A SPECIFIC REASON. MR. WELCH SAID HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE ANOTHER DOWNTOWN BUSINESS, DOWN ON MAIN, HAD CLOSED. HE THINKS SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THAT HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA. MAYOR ADAMS SAID HE MIGHT SUPPORT STARTING THE EIP PROGRAM AGAIN WITH SOME CHANGES. MR. WELCH FELT THERE NEEDS TO BE A MEETING WITH THE BUILDING OWNERS. SAM BURGESS SAID ONE OF HIS COMMITTEES IS WORKING ON A PROPOSAL TO RE-DO THE EIP. HE FEELS THAT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. THE MAYOR SAID THERE MIGHT NEED TO BE A MEETING SOON AND HE WOULD CONTACT MR. WELCH WHEN THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

OLD BUSINESS

1. THE BOW BRIDGE WILL BE DONE FRIDAY. IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD.
2. THE CITY WON THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COMPANY IN CALIFORNIA THAT OWED THE CITY MONEY FOR CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS. ALL FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
3. DRAIN PROBLEMS ARE BEING WORKED ON BY PUBLIC WORKS. THESE ARE NORMALLY BIG JOBS. THEY ARE WORKING ON JORDAN WAY NOW.
4. THE CAMPGROUND IS BEING SEALED NOW. IT IS FIVE YEARS OLD AND IN NEED OF THAT.

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