

**Earlham City Council
Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 12, 2022**

The Public Safety Committee of the Earlham City Council met on Monday, December 12, 2022, at Earlham City Hall. Chairperson Mudge called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., and the following answered roll: Mudge, Baskin, Swalla. Also present: Mayor Lillie, Clerk Hibbs, Police Chief Stringham.

1. Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Baskin, second by Mudge, to approve agenda.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. Presentation by Earlham Police Department Chief Stringham regarding possible hiring and funding of 3rd police officer and purchase/lease of 3rd squad car; discussion.
Chief Stringham presented proposal for a third police officer. He stated ECSD has said they will pay towards the salary since the officer will be working in the school several days a week as a School Resource Officer. Chief will also apply for a COPS grant which will cover a portion of police wages for 4 years. He also requested a third squad car. He has contacted several dealers, and there is quite a long wait time for a new vehicle. He would like to keep the current officer car to be used for part-time officers as well as a back-up. Discussion on funding both. Consensus of Council to use some of the ARPA (Covid) money from the Federal government for the car. Will need to enter into a 28E agreement with school for use of the officer. Committee will make recommendation to council for officer and car.
3. Other
4. Adjourn
Motion by Mudge, second by Swalla, to adjourn.

Being there was no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Deeanna Mudge, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer