

# **ELLSWORTH JEWELL STANHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## Police Board Minutes March 7, 2024

The Police Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Jewell City Hall with the following members present. Yager, Walker, Wirtz, Anderson, Butler

Members absent Sogard

Also Present: Turpen, Morton

Reviewed February 2024 meeting minutes, concerns/questions with the minutes addressed

Motion to approve Yager and Wirtz 2<sup>nd</sup> – all were in favor of approving minutes

Mentioned that minutes need posted 15 days from meeting even if not approved, per Iowa code. Minutes will be posted as required and approved at the meeting then amended as needed.

Reviewed February 2024 monthly activity report and financial report – all questions were answered as needed.

Discussion on more traffic stops and citations vs warnings

Mr. Butler would like packet emailed out prior to meeting to review, this can be done however not all information is available prior to the day of the meeting.

### Budget

Discussed the revised 2024-25 budget. It was revised after being passed to more accurately reflect the actual expenses:

- Taxes were adjusted to fit salaries
- Line item for phone was adding in the bottom line twice
- Ammo line item adjusted after inventory
- These changes saved approximately \$8.75 per person per year

This revised budget was sent to all city clerks prior to this meeting so they could work on the city budgets.

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## Equipment

### Radio discussion

In visiting with Steve from Electronic Engineering it appears that no other agency has come to them with the same problem we are having. He believes it is the proximity to a tower that is the difference as WC does not have issue in their schools. Steve believed the best option and most reasonably priced option is to use the WIFI network within the school and purchase the radio that is compatible with that. Quote for that radio was reviewed. The price for the WIFI programming and program is about \$200 per radio with a \$100 per radio annual fee.

It was decided to try the WIFI option on the radio to see if that works before buying another radio.

Turpen met with Loyal and he will work with Steve from EE to get him what he needs for the WIFI system. Also contacted Steve and gave him the contact information for Loyal and asked him to work with the school to get what they need.

There was also a suggestion to put a repeater on the water tower or tower behind the school to see if that would help.

Ammo inventory was reviewed – no questions were brought up.

Mick questioned why meetings were on Thursday at 6, he would prefer Wednesday at 7.

A motion was made to change meeting times to Wednesday at 7

Motion Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson - motion passed. Meetings will be Wednesdays at 7pm going forward.

## Upcoming events

Easter Egg hunts 3/30

Stanhope library fundraiser luncheon 3/17

Spring break 3/11-15 and no school 3/29

**Next meeting scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 7:00pm.**

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City Concerns:

**Jewell:**

Butler:

Met with school concerning SRO – they are willing to pay 100% of cost, need to get school some numbers – this will require adding and additional officer

More radar is needed on Lyon Street and more traffic stops need completed

Walker:

Cameras – wondering how often we use them, they are available on the city cell phone, wants to move one from near pool to concession stand

Wants to see more time in the school

Need to be addressing nuisances around town

Questioned if we are running radar for speeders

**Ellsworth:**

Yager:

Discussed nuisance abatements in town

**Stanhope:**

Wirtz:

Shut off notices going out

Anderson:

School – more presence inside the building

Kaleb: asked about nuisance abatement – everyone is to be served per board directive

Motion to adjourn walker and anderson 2nd, All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm

David A. Turpen