

Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee July 20, 2016

Members Present: Councilor Warren Bender
 Councilor Tom Fennessey (alt)
 Councilor Esther Dalbec

Others Present: Chief Alexander, Chief Panger, Shelley Nelson

Councilor Bender called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and noted that roll call had been taken by sign up.

Approval of Public Safety meeting minutes of May 17, 2016

Motion by Councilor Dalbec seconded by Councilor Fennessey and carried to approve Public Safety meeting minutes from May 17, 2016.

Police Department Update:

Chief Alexander talked about current staffing. Officer Dalbec recently retired, creating a vacancy, and there will likely be another retirement before the end of the year. Currently we have three officers attending recruit school, who have been hired to fill previous vacancies.

The body-worn cameras have been ordered for officers working Patrol, as well as Patrol supervisors. Chief Alexander thinks they will be an asset to our Patrol operations, and help to restore some trust between citizens and the police. The Chief talked about the recent shootings across the nation, and how these types of incidents create anxiety and a heightened sense of personal security among officers. Chief Alexander mentioned the gathering that was held at the Government Center last week. It was peaceful and had a positive message. The Chief said we will continue to our efforts to try and increase trust within our community.

Motion by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to receive and file the Police Department update.

Fire Department Update:

Chief Panger told the committee that the department has participated in South End Days, and will participate in East End Days, Billings Park days, as well as National Night Out which will be held on August 3rd.

Chief Panger explained that fire department members are providing community education by offering several different First Aid classes to local businesses. The Chief told committee members about the different types of training that the department is offering.

Motion by Councilor Fennessey, seconded by Councilor Dalbec and carried to receive and file the Fire Department update.

New Business:

1. Referred from May 17, 2016 Council meeting, Fire Chief Panger submitting proposed changes to the Fire Prevention Code and Property Maintenance Code.

Chief Panger explained to the committee members the proposed changes to Fire Prevention and Property Maintenance codes.

Motion by Councilor Dalbec seconded by Councilor Fennessey and carried to approve the changes as they exist.

2. Meeting scheduling

It was agreed as previously discussed, to change the Public Safety meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

No action

The Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.