



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the July 20, 2022, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair) Patrick Reed and Pat Cole

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

Meeting called to order by chair at 5:30 pm

I) Monthly Activity Reports & Department Updates – Fire, Chief Parkinson

Chief Parkinson provided his monthly report to committee members to include calls for service by station, by apparatus, call response times by service area and year over year comparisons.

Chief Parkinson also provided an update regarding the recent 4th of July holiday. Impacts from fireworks were relatively minor this year. The weather and actual day of the holiday (Monday) worked to our advantage. There were no fires or injuries of significance related to the discharge of fireworks. Total fireworks incidents = 7 with no medical incidents related to fireworks.

The bid for the construction of the new Station 111 closed on 7/12. We received 5 bids, with a range of \$18,950,000 to \$21,755,000 in bid price. We expect to break ground in late August/early September.

Staff has begun work on the 2023 operating budget. The Board will see the first draft in October and the final draft in November.

On July 13th, the second half of the voter approved capital facilities bonds were sold. The final interest rate was 3.48%, and when combined with the 16-year repayment schedule, will result in a bond levy rate of 20.79 cents per thousand. This combination (16-year repayment and capturing interest rates before FED increases later this year) will result in an estimate \$14 million saved for the taxpayers.

There will be a badge pinning ceremony for our newest three recruits on 7/22 @ 6pm – Station 111 (Bonney Lake) and elected officials are invited to attend.

II) Monthly Activity Reports & Department Updates – Police, Chief Moericke

Chief Moericke provided the committee with department statistics for June 2022. Overall activity levels were up slightly, mostly in the area of officer-initiated activity.

Chief Moericke updated committee members on staffing. Lateral Officer Matt Wimmer started on July 5th and is assigned to field training. This leaves one officer vacancy and we are about 2/3 complete on a background of an entry level candidate. Lateral Animal Control Officer Kacy Alban started with MAS on July 18th and is going through orientation this week. We have opened a new recruitment for ACO in anticipation of the announced retirement of Debra Perry.

III) Action Items: None

IV) Discussion Items:

The Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chief's released the 42nd annual Crime in Washington Report for 2021 earlier in the day. Chief Moericke spent time walking members through portions of the report that detail Part A and Part B crime data for each jurisdiction across the state. Chief specifically went item by item in the report for the city of Sumner's data. Generally violent and person crimes were down in 2021 compared to 2020 but several categories of property crimes were significantly higher, namely burglary, theft, and motor vehicle thefts. Chief also showed the councilmembers data on the number of officers per population and discussed how Sumner currently compares. A complete report can be found here: <https://www.waspc.org/cjis-statistics---reports>

Committee members were invited to tour the MAS shelter in lieu of our next regularly scheduled meeting in August. There was unanimous agreement. The next meeting will be cancelled unless any action items need to come before the committee.

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 6:52 pm.

Next meeting will be August 17, 2022, at 5:30 in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall and via Zoom.