



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the February 15, 2023, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair), Pat Cole, and Charla Neuman

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

Meeting called to order 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 mutual aid.

Chief Parkinson provided the committee with the following department updates:

- The new Medical Services Officer 118 went in service 2/6 – It is a full-time medical supervisor based out of Bonney Lake and will move to Edgewood in April.
- 7 Recruits graduated academy 2/17 (Fall 2022 class) and 12 Recruits started the academy on 2/6 (SAFER Grant class). Fall Recruitment underway – We expect to hire 10-12 personnel this year.
- Station 114 bid was awarded on 2/15 – Groundbreaking to occur in March.

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

Chief Moericke discussed with the committee department statistics for January 2023. Overall activity levels were slightly up. Chief also walked committee members through an annual summary of calls by call type in 2022. This also lead to a discussion about the recent increases in robberies so far this year.

Personnel: This month is Detective Nikolao's last month with the city after 28 years. We are back down to only 2 detectives in investigations and they are experiencing a very heavy workload. After last month's meeting, the city did increase it's hiring incentive and referral bonus amounts which has brought it some additional experienced applicants. There were 2 interviews this week and two more next week.

The city police and IT departments have been working on implementation plans with the vendor for IAPro and Blue Teams software as approved by the council in the 23-24 budget. There is a considerable amount of work building the backend of the system (configuration) before it can be installed on our servers.

III) Action Items:

SCORE Interlocal Agreement - Chief presented a resolution and interlocal agreement for inmate housing with the South Correctional Entity (SCORE). Without a contract with SCORE the city misses the opportunity to borrow defendants held on other municipal court holds to appear for Sumner Municipal Court hearings. Almost all defendants at SCORE are provided video hearing over multiple platforms and rarely require physical transportation to remote courts. Because SCORE offers so many inmate programs and services their booking costs/fees are extremely high based on the inmates needs. Therefore, use of SCORE would be limited, but would allow Sumner to “share” the cost of an inmate that had multiple agency holds and have them appear in court to resolve their outstanding matters. The Committee gave a do pass to proceed, scheduled for the March 6th RCM on consent.

SWAT Interlocal Agreement – Chief presented a resolution and interlocal agreement for Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). Since 2019, Sumner and several surrounding cities have had an interlocal agreement for a Tactical Response Team (TRT). Since that time, the City of Dupont also wanted to join the ILA. The prior version of the ILA has been updated to include Dupont as a signatory agency and also updated the agreement with some language clarifications, changed references to Tactical Response Team back to SWAT team, and adds a “late commers” clause to allow for additional municipalities to join without further council action. The agreement has passed WCIA approval and is in the final stages of legal review. The Committee gave a do pass to proceed as a consent agenda item on March 20 RCM.

IV) Discussion Items:

Chief Moericke briefed the committee on up-coming action items in March. One item will be an ILA with the City of Sunnyside for a jail services agreement. This would mostly be used for housing long-term court commitments. The other item would be an ordinance revising SMC Chapter 6 code regarding the number of domestic animals (cows, goats, pigs, horses, waterfowl etc.) that would be allowed based on lot size.

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 6:50 pm.

Next meeting will be March 15, 2023, at 5:30 in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall or remotely via Teams.