



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Meeting**

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

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Fire 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 presented and reviewed his monthly chief's activity report for August 2023.

Chief Parkinson also provided the following updates for the district:

- Fire Stations Progress:
 - 118 Edgewood Station will be operational the week of October 9th
 - 111 Bonney Lake Headquarter construction is proceeding and we anticipate complete in May of 2024.
 - 114 W. Lake Tapps construction is proceeding, and we anticipate completed in May of 2024.
 - 117 Tehaleh construction is just starting, and we expect completion in early 2025.
 - 112 Prairie Ridge is in permitting, we expect to break ground in early 2024.
- 2024 Budget
 - Staff is finalizing the 2024 budget for presentation to the EPFR Finance Committee and Board. I should be able to share some early details in the next month.
- Fall Recruit Classes
 - Our fall class of 14 recruits is now in the academy and will hit the streets in early 2024.

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

Chief Moericke discussed with the committee department statistics for August 2023 and year to date. Overall activity levels were steady month over month.

Personnel: Chief Moericke reported that officers Miller & Sullivan retired in June and both of those positions have been filled with entry level officers (Officers Miller & Cuellar). Both new recruits are pending acceptance in the Basic Law Enforcement Academy with an anticipated academy start date in either December or January. Officer Kaylor's separation is final, and Sgt. Kurle will be retiring at the end of September (this month). The department is actively recruiting to fill those two vacancies.

Chief Moericke reported that he will be providing the full council an update on October 23 covering personnel, current and future use of technology, crime trends, current challenges and community impacts, and legislative priorities for 2024.

III) Action Items: None

IV) Discussion Items: None

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 6:01 PM.

Next meeting will be October 18, 2023, at 5:30 in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall or remotely via Teams.