



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the February 21, 2024, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair), Pat Cole, Carla Bowman

Staff present: Police Chief Brad Moericke and Fire Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

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

Chief Parkinson presented and reviewed his monthly chief's activity report for January 2024.

Chief Parkinson also provided the following updates for the district:

All fire station projects are progressing well. EPFR recently opened the Milton Fire Station 124. This has dramatically improved response times in Edgewood and Milton, and also reduced the reliance on the Sumner ladder truck for assistance in those communities. EPFR Commissioners approved placing a fire levy lid lift request on the April 2024 ballot.

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

Chief Moericke discussed with the committee department statistics for January 2024 and also provided a breakdown of all CAD events in 2023 by location (patrol districts).

Two new officers are attending the academy and will be graduating in March, and we still have two vacant police officer positions and one CSO position. We have one CSO applicant in background and just had police officer interviews this week. It is a very competitive hiring environment for police officers right now.

III) Action Items: None

IV) Discussion Items:

Chief Moericke briefly followed up on a few emails the council received. One was regarding the benches located in front or adjacent to 920 Alder. The city has agreed to relocate those benches to more desirable downtown locations. The second issue had to do with the traffic control signal at SR 162 and Rivergrove Dr. This signal belongs to WSDOT, but the city did reach out to WSDOT and ask them to re-evaluate the cycle timing of the light.

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 4:33 PM.

Next meeting will be March 20, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall or remotely via Teams.