



**Sumner City Council  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026**

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**Members present:** Greg Reinke (Chair), Michael Hochstatter and Nichole Wilsey

**Staff present:** Police Chief Brad Moericke, Fire Chief Jon Parkinson, Drew McCarty Assistant Engineering Manager.

**Others present:** None.

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm at Sumner City Hall and via Teams.

The committee selected councilmember Greg Reinke to serve as committee chair for 2026.

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

Chief Parkinson presented an overview of the December monthly activity report that included year end activity totals as well as the following updates:

- 13 new recruit firefighters are in their academy now and will be graduating later this spring.
- 3 paramedic students will be graduating from the Tacoma Fire Department paramedic program in February, and 2 more students will be starting the program in February as well. The training and backfill overtime are all reimbursed through a grant from FEMA (AFG).

He also recognized the incredible work done by the City of Sumner during the floods stating “I greatly appreciate the teamwork and coordination”.

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

Chief Moericke handed out copies of the December monthly activity reports that also included year-to-date totals. All activity was slightly lower than in previous months, which is typical for December due to staffing. The monthly summary report was further broken down and Chief Moericke explained where different data is collected and reported by SS911 to include call type summaries, activity by individual officers, response times, calls by day of the week, by time of the day, and by location in the city. Separate data is also tracked by records including the number of CPL and public records requests.

Chief Moericke updated the committee on the status of trainee officers, the new CSO, the Shelter Assistant promotion, and the current recruitments for the open officer position and the animal care technician. Chief Moericke also discussed with his pending departure there will be several promotional processes in the coming months to prepare for his succession and the other anticipated vacancies that will be created.

**III) Action Items: CIP 24-10 Hops Alley & Heritage Park Phase 2 Change Order.**

Assistant Engineering Manager Drew McCarty presented a proposed resolution that would seek a change order to the current contract with Neeley Construction to increase the current contract by \$143,884.81 and change the scope of work to place the south side of Heritage Park into an interim, usable condition while Phases 3 and 4 are being planned. The committee gave the resolution a unanimous “do pass”.

**IV) Discussion Items:**

Councilmember Hochstatter asked about the overall staffing level of the police department. Chief Moericke explained the allocation of officers between patrol, detectives, and admin and the various matrixes that can be used to determine appropriate staffing levels from population ratios, to call levels (workload) to % of discretionary time. Overall, the Chief felt the department was right sized and there is a plan to address the needs as Sumner continues to grow in population and density.

The committee confirmed that future meeting dates and times will remain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 4pm.

**V) Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 5:20 PM.

Next meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, City Hall first floor conference room or via Teams.