



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the October 20, 2021, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair) and Josh Hamilton

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Bitetto

I) Monthly Activity Reports – Fire, Chief Parkinson

Chief Parkinson provided his monthly report in an email prior to the meeting. No substantial statistical changes. The average call response times have been correct and are accurate in the monthly report.

II) Monthly Activity Reports – Police, Chief Moericke

Chief Moericke provided the committee with police the activity report for September. New cases and dispatched activity remained steady, but some other activity is still down compared to other months, mostly a decrease in traffic stops.

III) Department Updates - Both

Fire: Chief Parkinson was pleased to announce that their department achieved 100% vaccination requirement allowing them to retain all current staff.

A draft EPFR 2022 budget was presented to the board on 10-19-21. The operating budget reflects a 1% increase year over year and a net impact of .49% across all taxpayers. The Prop 1 educational video has been posted to their social media and website.

Construction on the new Edgewood station is on track and bids for the new headquarters should be going out soon.

Last month the EPFR Board adopted their Strategic Plan, and a copy was sent to the committee.

Police: Chief Moericke updated the committee on current staffing. Officer Fawcett graduated the WSCJTC Equivalency Academy and is now a certified WA Peace Officer. His training is going well and he should be released from field training after this week. A lateral police officer is currently in background and looks very promising. The internal candidate for Shelter Assistant did not pass her background and will not be offered the position. The city will announce the vacancy externally and begin the recruitment process. The unsuccessful internal candidate is resigning her current part-time position.

Chief Moericke advised the committee that the body camera program implementation will likely be delayed until January due to a number of factors. The delay will also allow more time for preparation and a more successful implementation.

The Case Cracker video system has been ordered for the interview rooms. Unknow installation date due to vendor limitations but the goal is to have the system installed before the 1st of January.

The City (Chief and Jason Wilson) have been in negotiations with Tacoma Rescue Mission to provide shelter space at their Tacoma facility and community outreach in Sumner to assist the unsheltered population in Sumner. The Committee was in favor of pursuing those negotiations with a future presentation to Council.

IV) Good of the order: None

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 5:40

Next meeting will be November 17, 2021, either in-person or via Zoom TBA.