



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair) Curt Brown, and Josh Hamilton

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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. Sumner Stn. 13 remains the busiest station and Ladder 113 remains the busiest unit in the district.

II) Monthly Activity Reports – Police, Chief Moericke

Chief Moericke provided the committee with police the activity report for October. 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 reported that it appears the District's Prop 1 levy failed by less than 700 yes votes out of more than 22,000 ballots cast. The department and board will strategize how best to proceed and will likely try again in 2023. With that in mind, a revised department budget was passed by the board of commissioners last night that reflects a .72% increase over this year. Some of the major initiatives in the adopted budget include staffing a 24/7 Medical Service Officer position, hiring a new social worker, replacing the department defibrillators, and replacing 3 medic units.

Police: Chief Moericke updated the committee on current staffing. We still have one unfilled officer position. The lateral candidate decided not to leave her current agency at this time. We will be starting to review entry level applicants and if necessary, start the interview process over and build new hiring lists. We had an overwhelming response for shelter assistant (80+ applicants). Those have been screened down to the top 8 that will be interviewed next week.

Chief Moericke also gave the committee quick updates on current projects. Interview room video recording and body cam projects are moving forward according to plans.

IV) Puyallup Jail Interlocal Agreement

The City of Puyallup has given notice to terminate the existing interlocal agreement with Sumner for jail services entered into in 2017 and has presented a new interlocal agreement. The prior interlocal agreement had an annual inflation of 0% to 2.25% of CPI. A recent rate study demonstrated that Puyallup was not adequately capturing its expense for providing jail services under the prior agreement. So the main purpose behind replacing the existing agreement with a new one is to reset the

base bed rate for jail services. The new rate would be \$158.28 with an annual CPI adjustment of 0%-2.25% every January. This currently places Puyallup at the higher end with regard to costs for the city to contract jail corrects services. Chief Moericke can establish a preference that other jail vendors be used first based on availability (Enumclaw, Pierce County) and Puyallup thereafter. Chief opined that there will be rate increase notifications from both Pierce County and Enumclaw before the end of the year.

The committee was provided a copy of the proposed ILA which may be subject to a slight language change in section 24 that deals with indemnification between the two Cities that is still be considered by our respective legal departments. The committee unanimously gave the ILA a “due pass” for a resolution on the consent agenda December 6th 2021.

V) Good of the order: There was a brief discussion on whether to cancel the December 15th committee meeting and due to holidays and vacation plans the committee unanimously agreed to cancel.

VI) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 5:41

Next meeting TBD January 2022, either in-person or via Zoom TBA.