



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
***SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING***  
4:00 PM June 13, 2019  
Police Department Training Room

## **COMMITTEE**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Brent Lenssen, Gary Bode, Mark Wohlrab and Ron De Valois

Staff present: Chief John Billester, Chief Mark Billmire, Lieutenant Jeremy Bos, City Administrator Mike Martin, Support Services Manager Holly Vega

Public present: Michael Knapp, and Gary Vis - Chamber of Commerce

### **2. ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **A. Approve minutes from the April and May 2019 meetings.**

The April 11, 2019 and May 2, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

### **3. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### **A. Interim Police Chief contract**

The proposed Interim Police Chief Agreement for Michael Knapp will be added to the agenda for the Council meeting on June 17, 2019.

#### **B. Lynden Watch update**

Councilor Wohlrab provided an update on the Lynden Watch program, noting it has gained momentum and popularity on social media. There will be a meeting for interested citizens in mid-July at the Police Dept. There have been requests for window stickers, signs, etc.; Mayor Korthuis advised to submit a budget request.

### **4. ITEMS ADDED:**

A. The proposed ordinance banning dogs at community events has been reviewed by Carmichael Clark and will be added to the agenda for the Council meeting on June 17, 2019.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **1. ACTION ITEMS: None**

## **2. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### **A. May monthly report**

Chief Billmire presented the monthly report for May, noting an increase in call volume. He also advised on the application for Federal Entitlement Funding, which will offset approximately \$100,000 of the Medicare/Medicaid discounts. The new ambulance is scheduled to be completed by early fall, sooner than expected.

Councilor Bode provided an update on the Peace Health medical facility, which is still in the works, but a very slow process for architects and land acquisition.

Mayor Korthuis advised the County has a consultant working on a survey to evaluate the current EMS, and may decide on the placement of the fifth medic unit.

### **B. Volunteer update**

A recruitment process for new volunteers is starting with 15 applicants, meeting at the end of July. Off duty firefighters and volunteers were invited to participate in a live burn training with District 1 on June 15, 2019.

## **3. ITEMS ADDED:**

A. The Chief Spinner Memorial Firefighter Challenge will be held on July 13, 2019, closing part of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

B. The ladder truck is in service and passed the UL inspection.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. **ACTION ITEMS:** None

## **2. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### **A. Medication Disposal Service agreement**

The new proposed medication disposal service agreement alleviates the need for the Police Department staff to empty and dispose of the medication. The Public Safety Committee recommends to proceed to full Council.

### **B. May monthly report**

The monthly report for May was presented with a slight increase in most areas, as expected. Lieutenant Bos requested input for content suggestions the Committee would like to see. City Administrator Martin requested a map of calls.

A significant case in May started as a violation of a DV no contact order, in which the suspect attempted to hide in an attic. A County K9 was dispatched and the suspect was taken into custody.

**3. ITEMS ADDED:**

- A. Axiom Construction submitted a proposal for the exterior building upgrade with a discounted rate for material. Mayor Korthuis recommended to bring a budget amendment to Council on the July 1, 2019 meeting.
- B. A letter from Mr. Sebens was received indicating his continued interest in lowering the speed limit on Northwood Rd. The Public Safety Committee supports reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on Northwood Road; request to be forwarded to Public Works.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2019**

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Scott Korthuis, Mayor