



City of Stevenson

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To: City Council
From: Leana Kinley, City Administrator
RE: Law Enforcement Contract with Sheriff's Department
Meeting Date: December 10, 2020

Executive Summary:

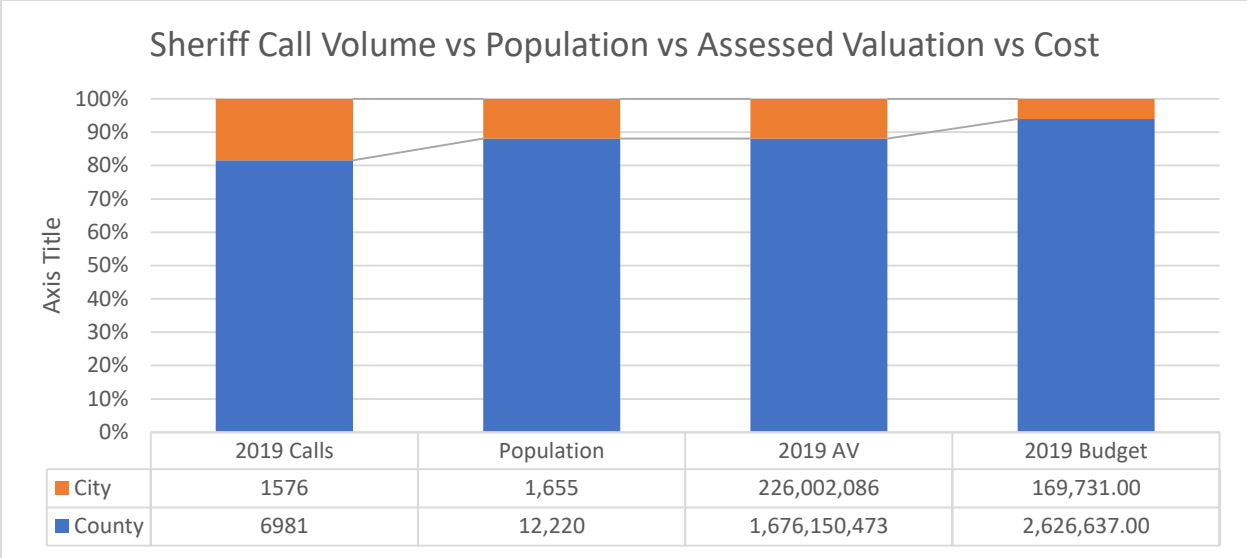
The law enforcement contract with Skamania County expires on December 31, 2020. A new two-year contract was presented and discussed at the November 19th council meeting. Council established a subcommittee with councilmembers Annie McHale and Amy Weissfeld to negotiate revised language to include additional mental health services. The revised contract will be presented as soon as it is ready.

Overview:

The city has historically contracted with the Sheriff's department for law enforcement services. In surveying law enforcement budgets and contracts for neighboring cities, cities of similar size and those with similar composition, Stevenson's cost for service is the third lowest, with North Bonneville and Republic being less.

Cost of Law Enforcement Services			
City	Population	Type of Service	Budgeted cost
La Conner	970	Contract	321,000
North Bonneville	1035	Contract	81,000
Republic	1105	Contract	166,000
Kettle Falls	1635	Police Department	418,000
South Bend	1645	Police Department	600,000
Stevenson	1655	Contract	176,000
Coupeville	1925	Contract	480,000
Napavine	2010	Police Department	548,000
Leavenworth	2080	Contract	700,000
Friday Harbor	2490	Contract	417,000
White Salmon	2710	Shared Police Department	1,000,000
Goldendale	3565	Police Department	1,270,000
Chelan	4355	Contract	1,200,000
Granite Falls	4425	Contract	707,000

In 2019, 23% of calls for service were in the city limits. Stevenson represents 14% of the county population, 13% of the county's assessed valuation (used for determining property taxes paid) and paid 6% of the Sheriff's department budget in 2019.



Enclosed is a memo from Councilmember Robert Muth, which was distributed by staff to council on December 1st, regarding the requirements for city to provide services. Also enclosed is a response from Councilmember Matthew Knudsen, which has not been distributed to council. I have reached out to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for further input on the matter and will include a memo with their response prior to the council meeting.

Action Needed:

Motion to approve the contract for law enforcement services with the Skamania County Sheriff's Office as presented.