

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

Attendance: Deborah Rice, Council Liaison Kathy Kopp, Tim Boldt, Mike Dalecki, Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Chief of Police Doug McKinley Absent: Frank King, Vikki Peterson

- The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Dalecki
- The meeting minutes from the June 1st meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Boldt, 2nd by Rice).
- There were no citizen comments or observations

I. Fire Department Update: Membership Update

- Our volunteer membership is currently at 51 and we continue to have individuals show interest in joining. We have 2 more applications which have been turned in to start processing.

II. Reports of Significant Service Calls

- We have had 134 calls to date for the year compared to 103 for the same time in 2020 which puts us currently at 31 more calls over 2020 volume YTD.

III. Information Updates

- Still working on updating Chapter 24 Fire Prevention ordinances as well as the governance and oversight structure of the fire department. Anticipate will be on agenda for review of Commission in August or September.
- Weekly COVID-19 meetings of the EOC key staff have now ended. The EOC staff will meet at the request of the City Manager should the current situation change.
- Nothing new at this time on the radio system review. City departments will be meeting with various radio vendors in the month of July to get a better understanding of best solution to upgrade radio system within the City.

IV. Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- Police Department Update: Alex Royse has withdrawn from our hiring process; Jeremy Tyler is still in the hiring pool and actively being considered for a position with our department, he is currently attending the SWTC LE Academy as part of the 2 year degree program; the Stuff the Cruiser food drive for the local food pantry was held on June 30th, over 70 bags of food items were collected; the PD will be assisting with the 4th of July festivities, Southwest Music Fest and the July 17th Car Show on Main St.; the Department's accreditation audit is scheduled for Oct. 5-7; we are currently advertising to fill a part-time Telecommunicator position; the timeline for the next Police Officer hiring process needs input from the PFC on the date of the PFC new hire interviews
- The PFC heard information from Chief McKinley on the minimum requirements for applicants for Police Officer.
- A motion allowing applicants with 60 credits from accredited colleges or universities (with a supporting transcript) in lieu of an associate degree or a Bachelor's Degree to apply for Police Officer

positions was passed unanimously (motion by Rice, 2nd by Boldt). This provision applies to all applicants in 2021 and in the future.

- The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. (motion by Boldt, 2nd by Rice)

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug McKinley
Chief of Police