

Public Safety Meeting

January 3, 2018

Attendee: Richard Brocksmith, Iris Carias, Mary Hudson, Mark Hulst, Jill Bourdreau, Joe Lindquist, Gary Molenaar, Melissa Beaton

Approval of Minutes: No motion made

Chief Brice:

Fire Operations Overview

- Met with new Council Members at Fire Station 2 at 5:00 pm to provide overview of fire apparatus.

Fire Statistics

- 37 personnel. Through the 2018 budget process, lost a part time Office Assistant position and gained a Fire Inspector position which will be hired later this year.
- Call volume has increased by approximately 500 calls in 2017. Most of the calls are medial in nature.

Department Structure

- Fire Chief and administrative staff, including the Fire Marshal all work a 40 hour work week. The Operations are handled by the Battalion Chiefs and work a 24 hour shift.
- Operations personnel take on many of the Administrative assignments due to the limited administrative staff hours available.

Grant Opportunity

- Firehouse Subs has moved into Mount Vernon. The Fire Department is looking into a \$25,000 grant which does not have a matching funds requirement. This grant would be applied towards the purchase of rescue tools.

Good of the Order

- The Mayor handed out a proposed January Plan for Council.
- Mark Hulst would like to get Ward meetings scheduled and dates out to the public.
- Committee Assignments:
 - Public Safety – Mark Hulst
 - Public Works – Gary Molenaar
 - Development Service – Mary Hudson
 - Finance – Joe Lindquist
 - Library Liaison – Iris Carias
 - Parks & Enrichment – Richard Brocksmith & Melissa Beaton

- Mayor Pro Tem – to be determined at Council

Adjourn: 6:30 pm