

Public Safety Meeting

February 5, 2020

Attendee: Richard Brocksmith, Mary Hudson, Jill Boudreau, Gary Molenaar, Melissa Beaton, Erin Moberg, Mark Hulst, Iris Carias and Peter Donovan

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Beaton moved to approve the minutes from the December 4th Public Safety Meeting, motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Minutes adopted as written.

Chief Cammock:

Staffing Updates

- The department had two officers graduate the academy on January 28th and have started their field training. The department is anticipating Officer Jordan Burke to graduate in April.
- Currently there is one candidate in the background check portion of the hiring process.
- The Park Ranger will be back to full duty on March 20th.
- The Department is anticipating two retirements in the near future. Chester Curry has announced his retirement and Rick VanderGriend and announced his intentions to retire in June.
- Detectives assisted Skagit County and Burlington for big scenes. Valuing in sharing agency resources and we see the results in the first 48 hours.
- The 2020 Citizen academy is scheduled to start on February 6th. There will be 22 students in a 12 week course. Meyer's sign does an outreach on community events, and they will be focusing on the citizen academy.
- The records staff has been utilizing the grant to clean up the outstanding records. They have completed all the records through 2010, and will begin 2011 shortly.
- The department is currently in the preliminary research into using the COPS grant to fund additional staffing in the crime prevention areas.

Chief Brice

Fire Facilities

- MacKenzie looking at keeping Admin at Fire Station 2 and value engineering at Station 1.
- Base cost escalation update
 - Original estimates are over two years old – escalators estimates were based on November 2020.
- Task 2 looked at removing administration from Station 1. By removing administration MacKenzie was able to take the station from a 2-story facility to a 1-story facility. The "nice to haves"- Aid room and museum was moved back to Station 2 along with 8 additional parking spaces. Looked at the impact of renovation on existing operations.
- Task 3. Removed museum, community paramedic, law enforcement offices and administration.

- Highlights of cost reduction was looked at structure, finishing, and elements. Changed station structure from steel to wood frame structure. Change from brick to veneer system. Total cost reduction 2.264 million.
- What functions are we not performing now that we should be.
 - Downtown can't house the medic unit or the ladder truck
 - Safety issue – seismic issues, decontamination areas – safety quarters to reduce risk of cancer.
 - Some council members visited Big Lake – a 12,000 sq ft building. Having a difficulty to putting a 22,000 sq ft facility. Local architect quoted \$475 per sq foot – construction cost.
- Costs are determined by min-bid. Need to consider when it was built.
- If task 2 is value engineered – a half of a million dollars would be saved.
- The width and footprint determine the cost of the foundation – not height.
- Council would like to see the Chief bring forward alternative ideas on how to do station 2 & 3 differently.
- Are there any options for not closing Snoqualmie Street? How would that effect design and costs? Council would like some numbers on how much we would save if we didn't have to vacate Snoqualmie. – 1.5 to 1.7 million.
- IS there a better location south of the development?
- Phased capital improvement program for station 3 – bring on the 19th.

Adjourn: 7:40 pm