

Public Safety Meeting

April 3, 2019

Attendee: Richard Brocksmith, Iris Carias, Mary Hudson, Mark Hulst, Jill Bourdreau, , Gary Molenaar, Melissa Beaton, Erin Moberg, Peter Donovan, Chief Jerry Dodd, Assistant Chief Bryan Harris.

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Hulst made a motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Council Member Hudson. Motion passed.

Assistant Chief Harris:

Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB)

- Ratings are from 1-10, and there is no city in Washington State rated a 1.
- Improved classifications **CAN** improve insurance rates.
- WSRB looks are four major areas: Fire Department, Water Supply, Emergency Communications System, and Fire Safety Control Measures.
- Mount Vernon's current rating is a category 5. Looking at a possibility to moving back to a 4 during this year's evaluation.
- Improvements the department has added since the last assessment are the new Assistant Fire Chief, Nurse Educator, adding 15 new Firefighter Paramedics, an inspector, automatic aid agreements with Burlington Fire Department, purchases new software, to name just a few.

Hiring

- Holding a Firefighter / Paramedic test on Friday (April 5th).
- The Department has received two notices for retirements – one in April and one in May. There is a possible third retirement in July.
- Currently accepting applications for Battalion Chief, if enough qualified candidates do not apply, applications will be accepted from outside of the Fire Department.
- The Department has an offer out for a nurse educator.

Paramedic / Firefighter Training Update

- We have our first new CVAA paramedic scheduled to graduate the Fire Academy on April 19th.
- The remaining 13 new CVAA paramedics are training at the Station – everyone is working at a different pace due to experience levels.
- Assistant Chief Harris is working with Assistant Chief of Burlington to schedule live fire opportunities for the new hires.

Fire Facility and Bond Update

- Assistant Chief Harris handed out the tri-fold to Council.
- Volunteers and Firefighters are getting the information out into the community.

City owned Property

- The City owns a small parcel of land near Northwest Eye Clinic. NW Eye Clinic has inquired if the City would be willing to look at either leasing the land or selling the land. It would cost a large sum of money to make the property viable to lease.
- Council has requested a list of properties that the City owns. Peter to provide this document to council for review.
- Council also looking for a statement from Development Services on the ability to create house on the parcel in questions.

Adjourn: 6:41 pm