

**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING  
MAY 1, 2019**

**PRESENT**

- Mayor Jill Boudreau
- Council Members
  - Melissa Beaton
  - Richard Brocksmith
  - Mary Hudson
  - Mark Hulst
  - Erin Moberg
  - Gary Molenaar
- Police Chief Jerry Dodd
- Project Development Manager Peter Donovan
- Fire Chief Bryan Brice
- Finance Director Doug Volesky
- Library Representative Laura Schumacher.

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Council Member Melissa Beaton. There were no minutes from prior meeting.

**FIRE CHIEF BRYAN BRICE**

**FIRE BOND UPDATE**

- Short of 60% needed to pass
- Discussed various options for funding
- Chief Brice will reevaluate and start putting things together
  - Will bring forward needs, cost estimate, etc.
  - Wants to make sure we're planning for future

**EMS BILLING UPDATE**

- Provided PowerPoint presentation/explanation of ambulance billing process and what's being done to make it more efficient and effective

**POLICE CHIEF JERRY DODD**

- After 40 years with MVPD, Chief Dodd is retiring; this is his last Public Safety Committee Meeting
  - Presented short PowerPoint career history

**2018 NUMBERS**

- PowerPoint showing various 2018 statistics, comparisons, and information

**PERSONNEL AND HIRING UPDATE**

- MVPD goal is to always hire most qualified individuals

- Statistics show there's been a huge drop nationwide in individuals applying for law enforcement positions
- Dakota Hinton at BLEA and is doing well
- Mike MacGillivray also doing well at BLEA – graduating in August
- Tye Lubking is at BLEA and doing well – graduating in August
- Ben Green to be promoted to Sergeant
- Hired Gabe Beauckman and Abisai Sanchez
- In process of hiring Administrative Assistant
- In the process of hiring a Park Ranger

#### MOVING FORWARD IN 2019 AND BEYOND

- Provided PowerPoint showing Department priorities
- Listed Department spirit/culture
- Department foundation
  - Without good foundation, will not have a good house
  - MVPD has a “great” house
- Talked about book titled Proactive Policing
  - Designed by many (mental health, civil liberties, education, etc.)
  - Book mirrors MVPD's practices
    - MVPD is a pro-active, effective and efficient department
    - Ahead of national standard
- Showed planning process
  - Will start 2020 budget early to provide healthy chief transition
- Listed top ten future challenges
  - Staffing
    - Records Division/State mandates
  - Neighborhood Focus
  - Technology
  - Gang Emphasis
  - Repeat Offenders
  - Neighborhood Hot Spots
  - Substance Abuse
  - Mental Illness
  - People Without Homes
  - Police Officer Wellness
    - Everyday life stresses
    - Affects of hypervigilant
    - Secondary victimization
    - Please continue to support the wellness of our officers and their families
- Public health issues will be huge issue in the future
- Public health/public safety intertwined
  - Need to hire officer to assist Outreach Coordinator
  - Makes Outreach Coordinator more effective if with officer
- Radio replacement

- Current radios are analog system which is going away and replaced with digital
  - Replacement costs will be approximately \$450,000
    - Have researched grants
    - Checked into partnering
- Parts are no longer available for analog radios

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Will complete variety of audits prior to retiring
  - Department is very healthy
- Several staff members participated in 2018 Shop With a Hero
- Citizens Academy Class Number 25 graduated last week
- Nine new COPP (volunteer) members
- Received \$17,239 Domestic Violence STOP Grant
- Purchased negotiator vehicle
  - Originally priced at \$55,000
  - When sellers learned what vehicle was for, dropped price to \$35,000
- Officer Edgar Serrano received honor for his work with school children
- Successful 2018 Fall Coat Drive
- Great Street Fair
- Officer Pash did Spanish story time
  - Was a huge hit
  - Everyone loved Officer Pash
- Provided information on Community Justice Center
  - Big issue, bunks are literally coming off the wall
  - In process of repairing 275 bunks

#### MAYOR JILL BOUDREAU

##### CITY AGREEMENT WITH SKAGIT REGIONAL HEALTH

- Mayor Boudreau provided a history of and explained the parking structure agreement between the City and Skagit Regional Health that began in 2009
- To be complete by December 2020
- Hospital has pre-app to put in surface parking lot next to Sunrise Inn
  - Cost is \$740,000

##### LIBRARY/PARKING GARAGE/COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

- Lift award date is looming
- Mayor Boudreau provided PowerPoint history and overview to date and discussed "Mount Vernon Library Commons Project" which began as an agreement between the City Council and County Commissioners in 2014
- All information/documentation regarding this project can be found on Council's I-drive
- Discussed Interlocal Agreement Cooperative Provision of Services – 03/28/18
- Provided construction costs handout

- Showed slides and discussed presentation from Washington State Economic and Revenue Council
- Discussed LIFT award which has been approved for \$500,000/year for 20 years and has to start this year

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN

- Meeting ended at 9:18 PM