

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Online (Microsoft Teams)

4:00 PM February 04, 2021

Call to Order

Roll Call

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Mark Wohlrab, Brent Lenssen and Gerald Kuiken.

Staff present: City Administrator Mike Martin, Chief Mark Billmire, Chief Steve Taylor, Lieutenant Jeremy Bos, Lieutenant Russ Martin, and Support Services Manager Holly Vega

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of January meeting minutes

The minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

Items from the Audience

None

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

2. 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee approved the 2021 Public Safety meeting schedule.

3. Public Safety Overtime - December 2020

Police Dept overtime in December was a combination of holiday hours, range training, shift coverage and the lighted parade event.

Fire Dept overtime was mostly coverage for Kelly days and vacation leave.

Fire Department Items

4. Fire Station Renovation Update

The first phase of demolition and abatement is finishing up; framing should start next week. Everything is on schedule and going well.

5. Assistant Chief Recruitment Update

The position was re-posted after the initial advertisement yielded few applicants. The new due date for applications is February 8th, virtual interviews on February 16th, and final interviews scheduled for February 25th-26th.

6. Fire Monthly Report - January 2021

Chief Billmire overviewed the monthly report for January noting 34% of calls were overlapping (back-to-back) calls. There were nine possible COVID related responses. Moving to the temporary station on Badger Road added approximately one minute to the average response time.

7. Fire Annual Report - 2020

Chief Billmire presented an annual report for 2020. Call volume was down slightly, specifically between May – July.

Police Department Items

8. Police Monthly Report - January 2021

Chief Taylor overviewed the monthly report for January. Most statistics are within a normal range except for domestic violence calls, which is most likely due to stress caused by the pandemic. Two officers had been quarantined at home with family members who tested positive for COVID. Another officer is currently out on a long-term medical condition.

The two police vehicles that arrived last month are now complete with equipment and are on the street. Two additional vehicles in the 2021 budget have been ordered.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.