

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 1, 2024

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Councilman Bob Hyatt, Councilwoman Trudy Dils

**Absent:** Ed Conley, Clarence Liberty, Karen Crismon

**City Staff:** John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Jen Worth, Chief Cordova, Daniela Breedlove, Michele Brown

**Guests:** Chief Mike Shempert, Mayor Sean Wilson, Steve Lynch, Hector Silva,

**Media:** Darrel Maurina

- **Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Councilman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. No Citizen Comments.
- **Approval of minutes-** Councilwoman Dils made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilman Hyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Waynesville Fire Department Patch Update-** John Doyle stated that with the work of several people in the room, they were able to locate the lost fire department patch from the original Waynesville Fire Department. Like our City logo says “Preserving the Past”, we would like to implement this patch maybe on the side of the Fire Station and bring it back to the City of Waynesville. Chief Shempert said the patch is from the 60’s or 70’s time frame.
- **Power/Internet Outage- Jan 12- Jan 13-** John Doyle talked about the first power outage on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. He stated the first call came in at 9:13pm. The problem was quickly diagnosed and taken care of in less than 2 hours. John Doyle stated that the outage on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January was a lot more extensive. The first call for that outage came in at 9:13pm, affected 300 plus homes and lasted around 6-8 hours. The entire circuit was down at the substation. The electric department had to segment how they turned the power back on. They moved some of the load to other circuits to get some homes turned back on, so the substation didn’t overload again. John Doyle stated that when the power was restored, the internet never came back on, and the phones were still down in the City. We are looking at installing a new hardline that will rollover when we need it to in cases like these. John Doyle stated we were able to utilize an on-call phone during the power outage to contact people.
- **Animal Shelter Update-** Daniela Breedlove stated that since January 1<sup>st</sup> the animal shelter has taken in over 24 dogs. The Waynesville Shelter is at max capacity at the moment. With the kennel only having 15 spaces for dogs, all of them are being used. The Fort Leonard Wood shelter is at max capacity for cats. There are 10 cat kennels, and they are all full.
- **Fire Department Update-** Chief Shempert stated they have started inspections and are close to finishing their first rounds. They will have some re-inspections. The Waynesville Fire Department patch was located and doing some digging. Chief Shempert stated the new station is looking good, they are down there every day. There is new flooring going in upstairs, it is about half done. Chief Shempert stated it’s been beneficial having a firehouse in the City of Waynesville. It has cut down on call times. Having a fire station this close has a direct effect on people’s insurance. They are looking to add additional personnel.
- **Central Dispatch Update-** No Updates currently
- **Police Department Update-** Chief Cordova stated that during the ice storm we had a minor fender bender with a patrol car and a city truck, there were no injuries. Also stated that they are hiring and applicant should have a class A license.
- **Other Business-** No other business
- **Special Events-**
  - Best Sapper Competition- April 19th
  - The Wall That Heals- May 16-19

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There was a need for a closed session. Councilwoman Dils made a motion to enter closed session. Councilman Hyatt seconded the motion. The committee entered closed session at 4:02 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

The next meeting date is March 7, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.