

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2023

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Chairman Sean Wilson, Councilman Clarence Liberty

**City Staff:** Miriam Jones, Chief Dan Cordova, Michele Brown, John Doyle

**Guests:** Mike Shempert, Randy Brown, Councilman Bill Farnham, Jordan Light, Dewayne May, Patricia Holton, Carl Jensen

**Media:** Darrell Maurina

1. **Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Liberty made a motion to approve the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Citizen Patricia Holton stated she saw her address on the agenda so wanted to be present for the meeting. She lives at 314 Historic 66 and has had issues several times with the Waynesville Rural Fire Department and police not being able to locate her house. Mr. Doyle discussed a recent incident where Ms. Holton smelled gas in her home and called it in. City of Waynesville Gas Department arrived on scene first and did not detect a gas leak. Waynesville Rural Fire Department was unable to immediately find her residence. Driveway to residence is actually located on the back side of the house on Main Street. Mr. Doyle stated that in researching her concern he found other homes with the same issue all with Historic Route 66 addresses with the driveway on a different street. He believes that this would have to do with development over time where once there were parking areas along historic in front of homes is now just road and sidewalk and through modifications driveways were put on backside of home. Mr. Doyle would like to have time to address issue and alleviate concerns. Chairman Wilson stated the best immediate response would be to educate our emergency services on location of driveways for these homes. The homeowner has to be the one to contact the city if they wish to change their address and they may not want to do that so educating our emergency services is the most effective way to address situation at this time.
3. **Saint Robert Fire Department-** Mike Shempert stated that fire inspections started Monday on businesses in City of Waynesville. Divided city into zones and going good so far. Everyone has been very receptive and only a few reinspections at this point.
4. **Mass Communication System-** Mr. Doyle discussed hyper reach, a mass communication system that the city would like to use. Currently use CodeRed, it expires soon and would like to switch over to hyper reach since it has more capabilities. Citizens would need to sign up for it once up and running. This will be a requirement when signing up for utilities. Chairman Wilson asked for a motion to move forward with the purchase of hyper reach and taking to council for final approval. Councilman Liberty made a motion. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. **Pulaski County Sheriff Department Mutual Aid Agreement-** Mutual Aid agreement provided to committee members. Has not been updated since 2012. Mr. Doyle would like to coordinate and reevaluate agreement.
6. **314 Historic 66- After hours possible gas leak call-** *discussed during citizen comments*
7. **Police Department Updates-** Chief Cordova stated that recently Carol Welch was taken to hospital, she is recovering well, doesn't know yet when she will return.
8. **Special Events**
  - i. Roubidoux Bridge- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- April 1, 2023
  - ii. Kids to Park Day- June 3, 2023
9. **Other Business-** Mr. Doyle welcomed Saint Robert Fire Department to the team. Mr. Doyle also thanked Chief Cordova for all he does. Chief Cordova stated that our K-9, Bree will be retiring January 19<sup>th</sup>.

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There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Liberty made a motion to enter into closed session. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Committee entered closed session at 4:23pm.

Councilman Liberty made a motion to return to open session. Chairman Wilson seconded that motion. Committee returned to open session at 4:45pm.

Having no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.