

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2021

In Attendance:

Members: Councilman Clarence Liberty, Councilman Michael Curtis

City Staff: John Doyle, Tracey York, Miriam Jones, Amber Box, Mitch McDonald, Chief Dan Cordova, Jack Eldredge, Daniel Shelden

Guests: Ken Olsen, Darrell Maurino, Doug Yurecko, Bill Farnham, Cecil Davis, Butch O'Reilly, David Dickey, Jeromy Moore, Mark Fancher, Jordan Light, Mike Shemper, Shauna McCullough, Matt Gruber, Scott Crider, Josh Sims, Michael Aalsburg, Ed Fowler, Matt Sanford, Joe Wilkes, Jared Arnal, Rick Hobbs, Patti Espinoza, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Sanford, Jonellie Chavis, Sherrie Ernst, Randy Brown, Anita Ivey, George Lauritson, Daniel Laterza

Absent: Chairman Sean Wilson

- 1. Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Councilman Liberty called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.
- 2. Approval of minutes- May 18, 2021-** Councilman Curtis made a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Councilman Liberty seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3. Enterprise Fleet Management-** Ken Olsen from Enterprise Fleet presented a proposal for Fleet management that would provide the city with a reduced budget for operational and maintenance costs. 92% of the current light and medium duty fleet is over 10 years old.
- 4. Grant Updates-** Chief Cordova discussed the June 18, 2021 Speed Enforcement Campaign and the 4th of July Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign.
- 5. Police Department Updates-** Chief Cordova stated the police department is now fully staffed. Chief Cordova attended the Central Coalition meeting and received feedback that they will be putting a high-friction road surface on the hill that comes down from the 159 ramp. This should help cars from sliding off and is a good preventative measure.
- 6. Storm Sirens-** Mr. Doyle provided the committee with information on the sirens that the city is currently looking into. These sirens would offer a level of awareness to the public during potential storms and flooding. There are five sites within the city that these sirens would be placed at.
- 7. Fire Protection Services-** Mr. Doyle stated that in the past year, the City of Waynesville's staff and personnel have reviewed the contracted service agreements held by the City. Many of these agreements were found to be outdated and no longer represented the best interest of the City of Waynesville. A full technical review of the Fire Protection Agreement has recently been completed by the Police & Emergency Services Committee. This review has covered all aspects of the current agreement and was directly focused upon the continued safety of the public. After completing the review of the existing agreement with WRFPD and the proposed agreement from City of St Robert, the Police and Emergency Services Committee determined the level of services provided by both departments are comparable and superior. This obviously resulting in a high-quality level of public safety provided to the community. Next, the committee reviewed the contract/agreement for longevity and created a draft 10-year plan. This process included improving the level of service while advancing the vision of the City over the next 10 years. Important issues discussed at this level of the review included but was not limited to storm sirens, flood sirens, Waynesville Fire Station Construction and WRFPD Alternatives. WRFPD made it clear that any capital improvements proposed by the committee to the District (fire station, storm sirens, flood sirens) would be at the additional and sole cost of the City. WRFPD presented to the committee that they also service a large area within the county and would need to evaluate the needs of the District and not just the City. WRFPD left the committee with no real path forward to increase safety and fire protection services within the City. The DRAFT agreement provided by the City of St. Robert provides funding opportunities that can be utilized by the City of Waynesville. These opportunities will immediately expand the existing level of safety provided to the community. The committee also discussed the potential financial burdens a decision like this may cause within a department and a community.

These decisions are never taken lightly and are seldom easy. It should be noted again that this committee spent many hours over the course of several months evaluating every aspect of the decision at hand. Mr. Doyle opened the floor to citizens comments.

8. **Fire Protection Services Citizens Comments-** Jonellie Chavis, resident at 1212 Home Ave, questioned in regards to contract where will the stations be put in Waynesville and how will these stations be equipped. What more will it cost to get all the equipment? Is there billing if trucks are routed and no fire? Waynesville Rural has several trucks right at the top of the hill. Mrs. Chavis is worried about response time. Who gets first priority? David Dickey resident of Hazelgreen area questioned the ISO rating. He stated that it is a 3 year wait before you could get a new rating and the ISO affects insurance. Mr. Doyle stated that the ISO would remain the same and a new rating would not be due until 2023. Robert Fitzgerald lives off the Buckhorn exit, stated that he is a board member of the WRFPD and has never seen anyone from City of Waynesville attend these meetings. He hasn't heard anything about this change until now. Committee members stated that up until today it's been in closed session, legally could not discuss publicly while it was a topic in closed session. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that WRFPD is only 2-3 minutes away from the Waynesville square and it takes longer for St Robert Fire to get there. Cecil Davis resident at 141 Mesa Dr, questioned what is WRFPD doing wrong that you would want to get rid of them with all the services they provide. Does St Robert provide all these services and at what costs will it take for them to be able to. Are we going to have to pay WRFPD for those services? Doug Yurecko stated that there would be no charge because WRFPD already provides the services due to mutual aid agreement. Mr. Doyle stated that WRFPD has done nothing wrong, that's not what this is about. Mr. Doyle stated that there would be a public forum to allow all citizens to voice their concerns that will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks. The city does not want to put any one at odds. Safety is top priority.

Having no further business, Councilman Liberty adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 3:30pm.