

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2024

In Attendance:

Members: Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Bob Hyatt, Councilwoman Trudy Dils

City Staff: John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Karen Crismon, Jen Worth, Lt Mark Piles, Daniela Breedlove

Guests: Chief Mike Shempert, Mayor Sean Wilson, Jerry Brown, Jordan Light, Steve Lynch, Darrel Maurina

- **Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. No Citizen Comments.
- **Approval of minutes-** Councilwoman Dils made a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilman Hyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **City of Richland-Dispatch Service Agreement-** This is being reviewed by our Attorney Nathan Nickolaus and then will be brought to Council. Richland will pay this quarterly and has already paid startup cost to us. Councilman Conley made motion to take to Council. Councilwoman Dils seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Animal Shelter Update-** Shelter is full and max capacity. FLW shelter is also full of dogs and cats. The front building has been completely remodeled. The focus this year is to redo back shelter, turf the play yard and hopefully have a trail made this year for volunteers to walk the dogs.
- **Fire Department Update-** Chief Shempert stated they have completed their first year of fire protection for Waynesville. Fire inspections started yesterday. Renovations at the new station are underway and looking good. They have a truck and guys down there manning it. They are down to a 3-minute response time from the new station.
- **Central Dispatch Update-** Karen Crismon stated on December 31 they went 24/7 but are having internet issues so are still working out of PD. They have also taken over Richland calls. Karen stated that they have received all their records from Comm Center. Dispatchers will have MULES training at the end of February.
- **Police Department Update-** Lt Piles stated they are down 2 officers. They picked up 2 new SUV's today for the PD. 1 which will be out on the road tonight. Received bags of stuffed animals as donations. Already had too many to so donated one bag to another community. The West case went to trial and is almost over. She plead guilty to the charges.
- **Other Business-** PD has 2 Patrolman positions and a Corporal position open. John is in search of a patch or a picture of a patch that the old Waynesville Fire Department may have had. Suggestions of people that may know if one existed were given and John and Chief Shempert will follow up on.
- **Special Events-**
 - Best Sapper Competition- April 19th
 - The Wall That Heals- May 16-19

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 3:52 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

The next meeting date is February 1, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.