

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
June 6, 2024

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Chairman Bob Hyatt, Councilman Don Hayden,

**Absent:** Daniela Breedlove, Councilwoman Amanda Koren

**City Staff:** John Doyle, Jen Worth, Chief Cordova, Miriam Jones, Karen Crismon

**Guests:** Chief Mike Shempert, Jordan Light

**Media:** Darrell Maurina

- **Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No Citizen Comments.
- **Approval of Minutes-** Councilman Hayden made a motion to approve the May 2, 2024, meeting minutes. Chairman Hyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Animal Shelter Update-** John Doyle stated that the shelter is at full capacity. They have had several varying calls for service. John Doyle stated they have done quite a bit of training this year so far. Councilman Hayden asked what the requirements were for licensing of dogs. John Doyle stated that the ordinance says registering your dog with the City is required and they must be tagged. We are chipping dogs as they are coming into the shelter.
- **Fire Department Update-** Chief Shempert stated that they responded to a motor vehicle accident with fire at The River Church. Shempert stated the vehicle caught fire and caught the front part of the building on fire. The building had structural damage and filled with smoke. Unfortunately, the driver did not make it. The coroner and Fire Marshall were both called, and the power company was called to disconnect power to the building. There was mutual aid from several departments on scene. Chief Shempert stated that the radio company was in town, 2 repeaters for Summit towers the antennas are on there now. Chief Shempert said communication should be even better now down here. Chief Shempert stated they have been flushing fire hydrants. They must flow tested once every 5 years. All their current building inspections for the year are done, they just have a few reinspects to do. Chief Shempert said the Mexican restaurant called and said their cooking system for their fryers and stove just went off for no reason. They had to shut them down until the equipment was repaired. They were able to reopen the next day.
- **Central Dispatch Update-** Karen Crismon stated in April, Waynesville had 189 calls for services and Richland had 156. In May, Waynesville had 398 calls for service and Richland had 134. Most of the glitches have been worked out of Crime star, but they are still having some internet issues. If the internet goes out for even a second, they lose MULES and it can take a while for it to come back up. If it is an emergency, they will reach out to Troop I and have them run information.
- **Police Department Update-** Chief Cordova stated Detective Moore is away at training as we speak. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month, our K9 got her final certification and is 100% now. Chief Cordova said that they just finished the Click it or Ticket Highway Transportation work Grant period. It ran from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Cordova stated that he is very grateful that he got the opportunity to escort the Wall that Heals in.
- **Other Business-** With no other business, there was a need for a closed session. Councilman Hayden made a motion to enter into closed session. Chairman Hyatt seconded that motion. Committee entered closed session at 4:20 p.m. Committee returned to open session at 4:56 p.m.
- **Special Events-**
  - Operation Feed the Community- May 4
  - Waynesville 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 3v3 Lock-Up- May 11
  - Freedom Fest on the Square- May 11
  - The Wall That Heals- May 16-19

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- Kids to Park Day- June 1

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

The next meeting date is July 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.