

EMERGENCY SERVICE AND POLICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

**In Attendance:**

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

**City Staff:** John Doyle, Chief Cordova, Michele Brown, Tracey York, Miriam Jones, Amber Box

**Guests:** Mayor Brown, Doug Yurecko

- 1. Call to Order and Citizen Comments:** Chairman Liberty called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. Doug Yurecko provided the committee with information regarding the Waynesville Rural Fire Department Fire Suppression Rating. The current rating is at a 5 and he would like to get to a 1. There is a need for upgrades on water systems and updating codes that are out of date.
- 2. Approval of minutes- November 5, 2020-** Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 minutes. Councilman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3. Kaluha-** Dog taken in on a presumed animal surrender. A gentleman came in with dog and puppies, explained his situation and paid surrender fee to animal shelter. The Waynesville Animal Shelter placed an ad on their Facebook page asking for donations to feed Kaluha and her puppies. Mr. Doyle presented the committee with a complaint that was posted on the ad where another person claiming to be the owner wanted her dog and puppies back. In order to get them back she would have to pay a fee due to vetting fees. She set up a Venmo page and asked for donations so that she could get her dog and puppies back. Money was donated to her however, she has not come in to get the dog and puppies back. Mr. Doyle stated that moving forward if there is an owner surrender citizen must live within City limits. No owner surrenders outside city limits. Committee agrees. The current situation has been addressed and handled.
- 4. Part-time Patrolman Position-** There is a part-time patrolman position that is open at the Waynesville Police Department. It is advertised on Indeed. Mr. Doyle would like to start advertising any open positions at committee meetings as well.
- 5. Police Department Updates-** Chief Cordova stated that February 12, 2021 there will be a speed campaign which is covered by a grant. The campaign will last 24 hours and there will be extra officers on duty to work the campaign. Chief Cordova also stated that an application will be submitted for Narcan training to offer protection to officers if they were to come into contact with any drugs while out on a call.
- 6. Other Business-** City Hall will be closed January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. The last day for candidate filing is January 19, 2021.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Wilson made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Rice seconded the motion. Committee entered closed session at 4:06pm.

Councilman Rice made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. Committee returned to open session at 4:51.

Chairman Liberty suggested changing the Emergency Service and Police Committee meeting to the second Thursday of every month at 3:30pm to allow more time for discussion. Councilman Wilson made a motion to change the meeting to the second Thursday of every month. Councilman Rice seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Having no further business, Chairman Liberty adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 3:30pm.