

Burley City Council
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 7, 2021

12 pm

City Council Conference Room

Attendance

Shannon Tolman
Mayor Steve Ormond
Mark Mitton
Carol Anderson
Jon Anderson
Bryce Morgan
Casey Andersen

Minutes

1. New Deputy Chief position

It was explained that there is a need for another administrative position at the fire department. The position would be an 8 to 5 during the week position. The fire department is needed to go through plans, and this will increase as the city grows. The new deputy chief position will help with these operation as well as helping with and coordinating the training for all the firemen. The new deputy chief would be able to ensure that training was done in the week that the training was rolled out. This will be even more important as the city grows and as there will some day more than one station.

The new online training was discussed as well as the new training that is required for the new hotels that are in the area, both which have four floors, that require the new training. It was stated that there are now three crews and three captains, and it has been this way for a while, but the City continues to grow and there is a need for more firemen.

It was stated that the fire department can hire internally, they have several volunteer firemen that want to be full-time firefighters and so they are motivated to get their training so they will qualify for the new positions. There was a small discussion about some of the possible upcoming changes within the fire department.

There was a discussion of how the fire deputy chief position would be funded. They discussed that closing out the revenue allocation area could help fund the position. The money that is coming from the Federal Government from COVID that has been earmarked for the Cities could be another source to help fund this position. A job description for this position was shared.

2. New Fire Station locations and shared ambulance building

Several maps were shared of possible locations for the unmanned fire stations. The committee discussed the needs of the City and the direction that the City was growing. It was stated that there is a need for an unmanned fire station in North Burley and also in South Burley. It will be

important to find a place where they can add onto the fire stations because they will probably be manned sometime in the near future. It was stated that a lot of the work of building the building could be done by the firefighters. They have the skills to build, there would be a need to buy the material and there was a discussion about the costs of building material. There was a discussion about making sure that the fire department keep the rating as the city expands.

3. New Sheriff Deputies

It was stated that Sheriff George Warrel had talked to Mark Mitton about the need for two more deputies because of the increase calls within the City. It was stated that there should be at least one officer to every 1.2 thousand citizens. However, the increased calls seem to highlight the need for more officers. It was stated that there has been a steady increase in calls, and it is time to adjust. The group talked about the growing pains of the city and trying to adjust for the growth.

Meeting adjourned 1:01 PM.