

Minutes for Public Safety Committee meeting on 11/14/2019 at 1730 hours.

Present: Dave Christ, Councilor Donald Hadley, Councilor Paul Forcum, Cameron Anderson, Stephan Ball, Larry Sweet, Ofc. Steve Davidson, and Lieutenant Scott Hollet from Oakridge Fire Department.

Chairman Paul Forcum called the meeting or order and began by going around the table and asking what each depart was facing and what they looked to gain from the committee. Ofc. Davidson from the police department said that the primary problem facing Oakridge is Homelessness and Mental health issues. Chairperson Forcum made a motion to make Stephan Ball the Secretary of the Public Safety Committee Larry Sweet seconded it, all were in favor except Stephan Ball who abstained.

When Lieutenant Scott Hollett was asked what the committee could do to help the fire department, his request was two things the first of which was that we solve an issue where the maintenance of the Fire Department Vehicles is terribly expensive, and the logistical problems of bringing the fire trucks to town for work is expensive, Second, Hollett asked that the police department be allowed to go to Ambulance calls outside of the city to help clear the scene of those calls to insure the safety of firefighters rather than the fire personnel having to wait for the Sheriff or State Police to come.

1. Stephan Ball asked Brian if the public works vehicles could be included in an recommendation to council for a RFP to be done for a city vehicle maintenance contract, Brian said it could be included in the recommendation, Ball then made a motion that the committee recommend to council that: **An RFP be advertised for a city vehicle maintenance program where Fire, Police, and Public Works vehicles be worked on by a qualified and trained organization who would come to Oakridge to do the work as needed.** Paul seconded the motion, a discussion was called for, no discussion was heard, a vote was called and the committee passed the resolution to recommend to council that they seek the aforementioned RFP.

2. A discussion among the committee decided that on issue two of Hollett's request that the Chief's discretion for the police department personnel would supersede and should be requested. A motion was made by Stephan Ball to recommend to the Oakridge City Council: **That the voting number of members of the Public Safety Committee be increased from five to seven and that there be at least two sitting Oakridge City Councilors on the committee at all times.** Paul Forcum seconded the motion, a discussion was called for, there was none, and the subsequent vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about new business to put on the agenda for next meeting.

A time for next meeting was set by the Chairperson as 12/12/2019 at 1800 hours at the Oakridge Fire Department.

Discussion was had by the committee about having a community service work program for offenders, it was decided that fiscal impact prevents this from being an option

There was some discussion about possibly terminating the cities Relationship with LRAPA, Brian informed the committee that there was a substancial grant put forward to hire a code enforcement person to work full time one clean air during that time of the year and on code enforcement the rest of the year.

Stephan Ball agreed to meet with the School District Superintendent to request that a representative be present at each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

A Contact list was passed around.