

## Public Safety Committee Meeting

The Public Safety Committee met Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm via live attendance and Zoom Conferencing in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8th. Present were Committee Members Elizabeth Patten, Kathy Wilcox, and Ken Gardner. Committee Member Steve Palmeri was excused. Also present were: Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Captain Dan Baker and HR Officer/Recorder Linda Wilkins.

Chairperson Patten called the meeting to order.

### 1. Request of Citizens for Public Comment

None.

### 2. Staff Comments

Chief Stevens reported that the County has asked the department to respond to County calls. There was a discussion regarding discussing with the County regarding possibly do sometime of trade off between labor for taking County calls and use of a water tender. Chief Stevens also told the committee due to the closure of the airport for maintenance Forsyth Ambulance service will be providing coverage for medivac calls and there may be a reduction in revenue for the department not taking these air ambulance calls.

### 3. Committee Member Comments

None.

### 4. Review and Recommend Fireworks Resolution

The Committee did not recommend a resolution to Council, this year's activities will follow City Ordinance for fireworks.

### 5. Discuss and Recommend pigeon abatement.

1,025 pigeons have been trapped from the Nelson Building. The City will continue trapping pigeons.

### 6. Discussion and Recommendation of the Animal Ordinance regarding cats

The committee discussed setting the number of cats per household to 3 per household. Chief Colombik stated that Officer Mark Winkley is currently research on the wording for trapping cats within the City. He has been researching other cities. The committee is recommending a grandfather clause for people owning more than 3 cats prior to the passing of the ordinance may keep those cats but must not replace any cats over the number of 3. Licensing of cats was also discussed to assure that cats are spayed or neuter and vaccinated, this is a move to make sure cats are cared for. It was also suggested that public relations be done regarding owning pets.

*\*\*Committee Member moved to recommend to animal control officer for drafting an ordinance 3 cats per household with a grandfather clause for households owning for than 3 cats prior to the resolution may keep those cats but may not replace more than 3, licensing will be required on January, 2022 and proof of vaccinations, spay or neutering are required to obtain a license; and there will a clause for fostering cats, seconded by Committee Member Gardner. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

**7. Update on MCPD remodel timeline**

Chairperson Patten reported that Hardy Construction will begin working on the remodel next week. She will be meeting with SDI and Hardy on a timeline and there will be a presentation to Council on June 22.

**8. Adjournment**

*\*\*Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Gardner and **passed** unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Chairperson Elizabeth Patten

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Recorder Linda Wilkins