

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Public Safety Committee Monday, June 24, 2024**

Committee Chair Carlos Barrientos called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** Councilor Carlos Barrientos, Councilor Kirsten Collins, Councilor Larry Briggs, Councilor Michael Schilling, and Councilor David Shein

**Council Members Absent:** none

**Also present:** Assistant City Manager Emily Gagner, Police Chief Tom Simpson, Fire & EMS Chief April Wallace, and City Recorder Kim Herring.

#### **APPROVAL OF April 22, 2024 MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilor Schilling and seconded by Councilor Briggs to approve the April 22, 2024 minutes. The vote was taken and passed with a vote of 5-0.

#### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

Ms. Gagner updated the committee on the RFP process for the new police station. There were three bids received and Mackenzie scored the highest in the review process. A contract is currently being negotiated.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Wallace gave an update on staffing levels. They have responded to a total of 2,635 calls year-to-date. The new fire engine will be arriving the afternoon of June 25<sup>th</sup> and will be in service within approximately four weeks. The order for the new transfer ambulance will happen soon. The ambulance that is currently being used for transfers had to be towed and the fleet mechanics were able to fix it but it now a reserve only vehicle.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Simpson gave an update on staff levels. Andrew McDonald recently graduated from the academy so he is now here and working on field training. A potential new hire is currently in backgrounds and barring any issues will be here soon to complete the rest of the pre-employment screening. The department has been experiencing problems with the fuel pumps in the Dodge pursuit vehicles so the department will be looking at other manufacturers for the next purchases. Officer Welsh has been working on getting the cadet program up and running. They have five or six students that are interested in participating and the program will begin prior to the start of the school year.

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kim Herring*  
City Recorder