Public Safety Committee
December 10, 2019
Regular Scheduled Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.

Elected Officials:
Councilmember Justin Evans, Chair
Councilmember Tom Watson
Councilmember Terry Carter (Absent)
Deputy Mayor Randall McKibbin

Anticipated Staff:
Police Chief, Bryan Jeter
Fire Chief, Bud Backer
City Administrator, John Vodopich
Management Analyst/Executive Assistant, Leslie Harris
Administrative Assistant III, Debbie McDonald

I. ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Evans delivered roll call.

II. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

East Pierce Fire & Rescue Monthly Report
Fire Chief Bud Backer

Fire Chief Backer distributed the October monthly report, and mentioned there has been some slowing in call volume. They have had a few structure fires in the last month. Have already been able to utilize the new ER services, saves at least an hour on transporting.

Councilmember Evans commented he heard that Pierce County has the only arson dog in the State.

Fire Chief Backer responded he is not sure if that is the only arson dog in the state.

Councilmember Watson brought up the situation in New Zealand with the eruption. Asked if they were trained to handle Mt. Rainier erupting.

Fire Chief Backer responded most of the plateau will be looking at ash fall while the valley will have to worry about a lahar.

Councilmember Evans asked how the pancake breakfast went.
Fire Chief Backer stated he hasn't seen any of the numbers yet but it was well attended. The neighborhood Santa visits went well, the route usually takes five hours but this year took seven. Appreciated all the volunteers that helped out. They have had good talks with Pierce County parks to be able to use some of their park land to move their Prairie Ridge station too.

*Public Safety Monthly Report*
*Police Chief Bryan Jeter*

Police Chief Jeter distributed the monthly report for October. They are still waiting for the toxicology report on the death at Victor Falls. Have had an uptake in mental health calls. There was a fight at Bonney Lake Tavern.

Councilmember Watson thought 36 hours for transports seemed high.

Police Chief Jeter responded they are trying to get video arraignment in Pierce County jail, which will cut back in transport hours. Shop with a Cop will be this Saturday serving about 20 kids. Will have their Christmas Party next week with the City of Sumner covering. City of Bonney Lake covers for the City of Sumner when they have their party. Officer Eric Alfano has completed training on accident reconstruction. With the passing of Initiative 940 Bonney Lake Police Department can no longer be involved in investigating any Bonney Lake Police involved shooting. There can be a civilian that can oversee the investigation. Would like that civilian to be the Public Safety Chair. Will have further information at the next meeting.

**III. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

*AB19-172 Resolution 22807: South Sound 911 Support Services Agreement - Bryan Jeter, Police Chief*

Police Chief Jeter reviewed the service agreement with South Sound 911. There is no additional cost involved.

**Moved to Consent Agenda**

*Approval of the November 12, 2019 Minutes*

Councilmember Watson moved to approve draft minutes with no corrections.

**Meeting Minutes Approved**

**IV. OPEN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Evans stated he went on a ride-a-long on black Friday. Only a few calls and everyone was great on that shift.

Councilmember Watson wishes more was being done with shoplifters.
Police Chief Jeter is frustrated the local stores will not do more to prosecute and allow it to happen. It is at the corporate level the refusal to do more.

City Administrator Vodopich stated the Domestic Violence quiosk equipment will be updated so victims will be able to contact Commissioners. By updating the equipment it will also need to be enclosed with the cost being about $1500.00. If it is not enclosed, citizens will have to go to Sumner. At this time the quiosk is being used 10-15 times a month.

Fire Chief Backer asked to have check the fire sprinkler situation.

Councilmembers approve to move with the enclosing of the Domestic Violence quiosk.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:15.

Debbie McDonald, Public Safety Clerk