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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Acting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present are Acting Chair Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [25-30](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting January 15, 2025

Acting Chair Peters approved the minutes as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [25-23](#) Discussion Regarding Update on School Resource Officer (SRO) and Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF) Special Assignments

Chief Cervenka commenced the item by providing an update on the School Resource Officer (SRO) position. He mentions that the SRO will be returning to the schools early March of this year and will complete the remainder of the school year. Chief Cervenka went on to inform the public that the current SRO does not want to continue in the assignment for the next school year therefore, Police Department has begun the process to fill the position.

Acting Chair Peters questioned Chief Cervenka if there was any incentive to get an officer to apply for the SRO position. Chief Cervenka responds that the biggest benefit is the schedule because, it works great if you have school age children since the SRO schedule aligns to the schools' schedule.

Since his arrival, it has always been a desire for Chief Cervenka to have an officer assigned to the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF). Due to staffing, interest, and overtime it has not been possible to complete this. With the Department almost being fully staffed this may be possible to achieve in the near future.

Acting Chair Peters makes a remark in terms of Asset Forfeiture and its advantages if an Officer is assigned to MMCTF, and how the City would benefit from it. Chief Cervenka continues to

clarify that under the current MOU with the County if there is an officer assigned to the Task Force the Police Department would have a 12% share of asset forfeiture rather than a 6% share.

Councilmember Hockett states that he would like to see the Task Force Special Assignment position filled.

Public Comments made from:
Cameron McFadden
Jenny Shattuck
Chelsea McFadden

3B. [25-24](#) Noyo Bridge Suicide Prevention Measures Update

Chief Cervenka began by stating that Caltrans will be conducting important changes to the Noyo Bridge in phases. Phase one will be installing signs with Redwood Crisis Services response line. Phase two will be installing cameras on the bridge. The final phase will be adding either a fence or net which will likely take a few years to install.

No public comments made.

3C. [25-25](#) Discussion Regarding Blue Envelope Program

Captain O'Neal introduced the agenda item by providing what Blue Envelope Program is and how it works. Captain O'Neal continues to states that by implementing this program it will assist the officers more when responding to a call to someone who has a Blue Envelope. He ends by stating he is excited and feels like this will benefit the community as well as the Police Department.

Public Comment made by:
Jenny Shattuck

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. [25-31](#) Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

Chief Cervenka comments on the Extreme Weather Shelter and that there maybe additional funds for next year if the contract is amended with the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 3:38 PM.