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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

10:00 AM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Peters opened the Meeting at 10:04a.m

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Lindy Peters, Bernie Norvell, Tabatha Miller, Fabian Lizarraga, Steve Orsi and Lesley Bryant

Absent: 1 - Tom Varga

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell and seconded by Committee Member Peters that the Minutes of the August 15, 2018 Meeting be approved. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

[18-377](#) Approve Minutes of August 15, 2018 Meeting

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A [18-373](#) Discuss Plans For the Extreme Weather Shelter 2018/2019

Committee Member Peters asked if sites had been made available for this year.

Committee Member Norvell asked if the same arrangement would be continued this year, i.e. staging at the Food Bank, Susan Kelly assisting and overnight shelter at the churches. He noted the Hospitality Center was asking for money.

There was discussion regarding County funding for the Extreme Weather Shelter and the staff needed to ensure the facility is open.

Public comments were heard from Lynelle Johnson regarding the status of the plans for 2018/2019.

3B [18-374](#) Discuss Police Department Enforcement of Overnight Sleeping on City Streets and Sidewalks

The recent decision from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (*Martin v. City of Boise*, 2018 U.S. App. LEXIS 25032) was discussed regarding the legality of issuing citations to people sleeping on the sidewalks when services and shelter is available.

3C [17-670](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

Chief Orsi reported that the FireDepartment is back to normal with training. Attempts are being made to recruit younger volunteers, but it is a second job for most people, and it doesn't pay.

Chief Lizarraga advised that officers are looking at modifying their uniforms to move weight from the hips and waist area to the chest and shoulder area.

Committee Member Norvell asked if there was an update on recruitment, and if any thought had been given to bringing in other agencies? Chief Lizarraga stated that all shifts were being manned right now, and that it was something that had not been looked at. City Manager Miller added that the recruitment for Sgt. has had a good response.

There was a proposal at the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting to add recruiting bonuses to help with relocation costs. All academies with unaffiliated recruits are being contacted.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Peters adjourned the Meeting at 10:49a.m.