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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.
FIRE RESCUE**

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Travis Hollman, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 4:06pm.

ATTENDANCE:

It was noted by Chairman Hollman that there was a quorum.

Chairman Travis Hollman, Councilperson Wanda Allen, Councilperson Karen Reynolds,

Others Participating: Building & Codes Director David Smith, Fire & Rescue Chief Freddie Montgomery, Chief of Police David Crockarell, Administrative Supervisor Gina Johnson

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the January 19, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. This was after Chairman Hollman made a motion to approve. It was approved by Councilperson Allen and was properly seconded by Councilperson Reynolds.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Freddie Montgomery spoke on behalf of the Fire & Rescue Department.
 - Chief reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - Chief noted there were 11 Structure Fires with an estimated damage of \$2,961,321.
 - Chief noted there are 8 new sworn in Firefighters on February 25th along with 6 new Promotions.
 - Chief noted the new Burn Building was dedicated in honor of the late Firefighter Tommy Minniehan. (The Bearcat)
 - Chief noted CFR donated 7 sets of old extrication equipment to County Fire.
 - Chief opened the floor for questions.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asked about the overall staffing levels.
 - Chief stated 6 just graduated from the Academy and CFR currently has 9 vacancies. He said the next Academy should be around May 2nd.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asked what was the age limit for retirement.
 - Chief replied age 60.
 - Councilperson Holliman asked what the extrication equipment was.
 - Chief stated it is hydraulic rescue tools (Jaws of Life).
 - Councilperson Holliman asked if there was a special ceremony for the promotions.
 - Chief stated it is held in the training room. Their family is invited to attend the ceremony.

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT:

- David Smith spoke on behalf of Building and Codes.
 - He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - He noted the payments for the permits would go up due to a Gas & Water Project for \$90,000 dollars.
 - He noted on average 23 to 24 inspections per employee.
 - Mr. Smith opened the floor for questions.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asks about staffing levels.
 - Mr. Smith replied the employees are certified and can take on multiple trades while on site. He will not be asked for additional employees in the upcoming year.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asked what the standard was for single family homes.
 - Mr. Smith went over the 4 different trades for inspection.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asked about the 2018 Fire codes.

- Mr. Smith stated the 2018 Fire Code will be in place for the next 6 years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief David Crockarell spoke on behalf of the Police Department.
 - He reviewed the previously submitted monthly report.
 - He stated with the census results 15 more will need to be hired each year through 2026 to get to officer ratio. The national average per thousand is 2.2
 - He discussed the need for staff and the cost that comes with hiring additional officers.
 - Councilperson Allen asked if there was a retention on how many years a new officer has to stay with the department.
 - Chief Crockarell stated it exists but is not implemented. He stated the retention is better.
 - Councilperson Hollman asked if there was any type of recruitment for local officers living here but working in surrounding counties.
 - Chief Crockarell stated that they do not but if they applied they would look at them.
 - Councilperson Hollman stated he has seen people constantly running traffic lights.
 - Councilperson Reynolds asked who sets the fines for the tickets.
 - Chief Crockarell said that CPD didn't set the fines for the tickets.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:

NONE

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:

OTHER

1. Traffic Violations (Chairman Holleman)

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Evans, seconded by Councilperson Reynolds, and approved by all at 5:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Gina Johnson
Fire & Rescue Department

Approved: April 20, 2022