

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

Members Present: **Bruce McGee** **Bill Mountsier**
 Irv Wilke **Pat Kimmet**
 Richard Klose **Taryn Massa**

Others Present: **Chief Langve**
 Bethany Langve

General Items

1. Review and approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting. – Richard Klose made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting, Irv Wilke seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

1. The Committee chair stated that he wanted the Committee to have a discussion regarding LMC as it pertains to parking. The Committee was handed copies of the current parking ordinances to review so the Committee could see what was enforceable, as it pertains to parking. The Committee had a discussion regarding parking during the 4th of July, and other busy events. Stop sign, crosswalk, and fire hydrant violations were among a few high priority violations the Committee wanted to see addressed. Parking that blocked alleys was also discussed by the Committee. Chief Langve feels that proper signage and educating the public will help some of the parking issues but not all of them. The Committee agreed that discussing the ordinances and updating the specific ordinances was a priority for the Committee.
2. Police Chief Langve was present to discuss his department and their staffing. In the past they used to have a parking/animal control person. That person was removed, and, in the future, he expects that position to be needed once again. Since Michelle Steffens retirement they have been trying to hire a relief dispatcher and have not been able to hire one. As the City expands the department is going to also need to grow and expand. The Chief asked if the Committee was interested in seeing any call numbers presented to them during the meeting. The Committee stated that yes, they would like to hear call numbers during the meeting. The Committee asked if the part time dispatcher position could be combined with an administrative position to make a full-time position. Chief Langve explained that the dispatchers provide administrative duties currently. The Committee asked why the Chief felt that dispatcher position was not being filled. The Chief explained that the position is not an easy job. It is stressful, it is only guaranteed 20 hours a week, and that person is on call. It takes a very specific person to fill that position.
3. Fire Chief Peters was not present.

Old Business

Other Items

1. The Committee asked the Chair about getting together with the school. The Chair did talk with the Mayor and CAO regarding meeting with the school. The Mayor will coordinate that and when the Chair hears back from the Mayor, he will let the Committee know.

2. The Committee asked about people plowing snow into the streets. The Committee stated that it is illegal and Code Enforcement takes care of that issue and/or complaints.

Announcements

1. The next meeting will be held April 22, 2019 at 6:00pm