



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
6:45 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 645 pm on Monday, May 20, 2024, by Vice Chair, Jodi Mackay.

Members Present: Jodi Mackay, Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Jamie Swecker, Council Member Michelle Mize participated as a committee member to make a quorum.

Others Present: Police Chief Stan Langve, Fire Chief JW Hopper

General Items

1. Approval of the Minutes from April 22, 2024. Irv moved to approve the minutes. Jamie seconded. Motion carried 4 - 0
2. Updates from Emergency Services Departments
Ambulance Director- Lyndy Gurchiek
absent but provided report

Fire Chief- JW Hopper

Responded to 35 total calls for report period. 367 total hours on calls.
Training – wildland and open water
Operating at 30 members
New fire truck request going through the process. Should be back in front of council within the next few cycles.
Adding reflective features to command trucks and more lights on Squad 5
New radios in Engine 1
Hose testing complete
New Reader Board is in Belgrade. MT Ironworks will weld on when ready.
However, Support 1 is having engine issues. Will get checked out at Laurel Ford before securing Reader Board to vehicle.
DNRC staffing will begin once rain stops and it gets hot.
Had meeting with CHS regarding mutual aid. No big changes but discussed exhausting all resources before reaching out to CHS

Police Chief- Stan Langve

Have seen slight decrease in numbers. Probably due low staffing.
Three proposals for city wide surveillance sent to Mayor.
Continue to see Fentanyl / Opioid on the rise in conjunction with organized crime
Increase in gang activity with juveniles doing “dirty work”
Running short staffed – officers at Academy are doing well, SRO’s released from school soon. Potential applicant in pool but need Field Training Officer available.

New Business

Old Business

Other Items

Announcements

3. Next meeting will be Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers
4. June 1st – Reserve Officer Graduation – time and location TBA
5. June 7th – Firefighter Memorial Run
6. June 8th – Firefighter Memorial Ceremony and luncheon

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