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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2023 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

102 Division St. ▪ P.O. Box 281 ▪ Nome, Alaska 99762 ▪ Phone (907) 443-6663 ▪ Fax (907) 443-5345

ROLL CALL

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Item A.

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry; Carol Piscoya; Peter Travers;
Jennifer Dean-Johnson

Members Absent: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna (excused); Briday Green (excused);
Justin Noffske (excused)

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk;
Bryant Hammond, City Clerk (virtual); Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief;
Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief

In the audience: Scot Henderson; Mark Johnson; David CSiki

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oath of Office - Jennifer Dean-Johnson,
- Deputy Clerk Jacobson swore in Jennifer Dean-Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Travers to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; McGarry; Piscoya; Travers; Dean-Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 6, 2021 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C. Traverse and seconded by C. McGarry to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; McGarry; Piscoya; Traverse; Dean-Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Nome Community Center Housing First Letter of Support

- Vice Chair Piscoya noted the Housing First correspondence between Manager Steckman and Nome Community Center on behalf of the PSAC was merely informational. No business, or comments were given.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen comments were given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Accreditation,

(4:50)

- Manager Steckman announced a resolution to go before City Council, describing the \$14,100 costs associated with the Nome Police Department (NPD) accreditation, costs would be spread across multiple years as well. There would be an Accreditation Manager, verifying the department is meeting their accreditation standards. He opined the accreditation process would take close to a year.
- Vice Chair Piscoya inquired into funds for the Accreditation Manager position.
- Manager Steckman commented funds had been set aside in the previous year's budget and that the Accreditation Manager would be a police officer, with dual roles.
- Chief Heintzelman detailed ideal characteristics an Accreditation Manager would embody, commenting there was a candidate in mind.
- Manager Steckman added the Accreditation Manager would need to be someone that could review fellow Police Officer's work and communicate to them the necessary changes needed before proceeding.
- Chief Heintzelman noted the Accreditation Manager would carry full authority when requesting necessary corrections from Officers, which would be well known within the Police department.
- Commissioner Traverse inquired into whether Nome Police Department (NPD) would have their work inspected by an outside agency.
- Manager Steckman noted, once NPD is accredited, a sample would be pulled from police reports, evidence, and various files for review.
- Deputy Chief Bob Pruckner commented, a full review of the whole department would be made during site inspections, as well as recommended improvements.
- Commissioner Traverse questioned whether there would be a record of recommendations made.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner commented, each site-assessment with recommendations would require NPD compliance. There would be a follow-up visit to affirm recommendations had been followed and standards were met.
- Vice Chair Piscoya requested an explanation for the newest commissioners, accreditation and the benefits.

- Manager Steckman identified a standard with periodic evaluations required to maintain accreditation regardless of current management, as well as the vast accountability accreditation would create.
- Chief Heintzelman noted records-keeping standards would significantly be improved due to accreditation.
- Commissioner Traverse inquired made question to whether or not accreditation would be a difficult transition for Police personnel.
- Chief Heintzelman described current morale within the Police Department as positive towards accreditation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Training - Set for Monday April 4, 2022,

(26:30)

- Manager Steckman commented the mandatory Commissioner training was overdue for the PSAC. Follow-up in coordinating the training would occur prior to the next meeting.
- Chief Heintzelman stated, any Commission members interested in a ride-a-long would be more than welcome, on any night of the week that would work for them.
- Manager Steckman made request, March PSAC meeting be held at the Public Safety Building. A tour of the Public Safety Building would be provided for everyone.
- Vice Chair Piscoya opined her enthusiasm for March's meeting at the Public Safety Building.

B. Election of Officers,

(32:09)

A motion was made by C. Traverse and seconded by C. Dean-Johnson to table the Election of Officers until the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Vice Chair Piscoya noted, commissioners were missing from the meeting. She stated there were a lot of people capable of chairing the PSAC, suggesting a vote be delayed to next meeting when more commissioners are present.
- Manager Steckman agreed, postponing the Election of Officers vote until the next regular meeting, suggesting a motion to table.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Piscoya; Traverse; Dean-Johnson; Hoggan

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. Proposed Liquor Sales Changes,

(34:03)

- Manager Steckman gave background to previous handling of AMCO license renewals, and the current handling of AMCO license renewals given the current public intoxication on Front St. The discussion amongst the Nome City Council currently was whether or not to place restrictions on sales of liquor, among other requirements.
- Manager Steckman noted the idea of a City-owned liquor store, stating the City of Kotzebue owns its own liquor store. Manager Steckman then offered the floor to citizen/Council Member Scot Henderson.
 - Scot Henderson thanked Manager Steckman for bringing further awareness to the topic in tonight's meeting noting City Council's upcoming Monday night meeting to discuss the topic. Alternative options would be considered, community input addressing the topic is greatly encouraged.
- Chief Heintzelman agreed more restrictions were currently needed.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner added the hospital has given assistance in addressing public intoxication as well.
- Commissioner Traverse inquired into assistance given to NEST to facilitate resources for the homeless community.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner noted AC Quickstop on Front St. is limiting liquor sales to 1 bottle a day.

D. NPD Quarterly Report,

(1:03:50)

- Chief Heintzelman recounted personnel changes, additions, and recent transformations Nome Police Department (NPD) had undergone. He described past procedure compared with how NPD now handles sexual assault cases. The creation of an Investigator position for all sexual assault cases and accreditation requiring further accountability.
- Chief Heintzelman gave praise to the recent personnel added at NPD, noting body cameras were acquired and recording police incidents for everyone's safety. Accreditation would make NPD the 4th accredited department in Alaska.
- Commissioner Traverse inquired into the statistics, increase of violation of conditions of release.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner explained with Covid-19, the jail has had to release offenders more frequently due to safety and health concerns.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

(1:15:35)

- 1) Vice Chair Piscoya reminded everyone of the next meeting at the Public Safety Building. She noted another good meeting, thanking everyone, adding encouragement to the accreditation.
- 2) Commissioner Traverse thanked everyone for the meeting and welcomed Commissioner Dean-Johnson.
- 3) Commissioner Dean-Johnson thanked everyone.

- 4) Commissioner Hoggan gave thanks for the updates, opining an interesting meeting.
- 5) Commissioner McGarry gave thanks for the updates, Commissioner Traverse's input, and welcomed Commissioner Dean-Johnson.
 - Vice Chair Piscoya noted vacancy on the commission, adding encouragement to get the Commission to full capacity as intended.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Commission adjourned at 7:20 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 3rd day of April, 2023

CAROL PISCOYA
Chair

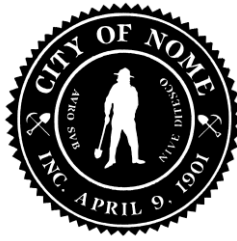
ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
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Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Item B.
Carol Piscoya, Chair
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NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

102 Division St. ▪ P.O. Box 281 ▪ Nome, Alaska 99762 ▪ Phone (907) 443-6663 ▪ Fax (907) 443-5345

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna (virtual-Microsoft Teams); Jana Hoggan (virtual-Microsoft Teams); Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya; Peter Travers (virtual-Microsoft Teams)

Members Absent: Traci McGarry

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Mike Heintzleman, NPD Chief; Robert Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Will Crockett, NPD Investigator; Wade Harrison, NPD Accreditation Manager/Sergeant/IT; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk

In the audience: Jennifer Dean-Johnson (virtual-Microsoft Teams)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Hoggan to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; Noffske; Piscoya; Travers; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. CSSB 7(JUD): An Act requiring the Department of Public Safety to publish certain policies and procedures on the department's Internet website.

(4:56)

- NPD Chief Heintzleman noted NPD policies would be published once the legal review is completed by the attorneys.

NPD ACCREDITATION UPDATE

(5:59)

- NPD Accreditation Manager, Wade Harrison detailed recent security upgrades to the Nome Police Department (NPD) facility and property. NPD's Policy Handbook is undergoing revision to meet national accreditation standards. First Policy rewrites are focused on the sworn side of NPD, policy rewrites for the unsworn side of NPD would follow. The extensive process for each policy rewrite was made known.
- Manager Steckman added, NPD accreditation was in the first of several years toward finalization, with optimism toward early completion. He emphasized the need to update NPD security at their property and facilities, taking care of the small details in the accreditation process, and providing periodic updates to the Nome Common Council.
- Vice Chair Piscoya inquired into an opportunity to review the updated policies.
- Manager Steckman stated, once the attorneys have completed their review PSAC could view the changes made.
- Vice Chair Piscoya questioned the status of the NPD & Emergency radio system.
- NPD Accreditation Manager, Wade Harrison acknowledged the recent request for proposal (RFP) to provide technical consulting services in evaluating the radio system.
- Manager Steckman recognized the City's contracted IT service, GCSIT, for their recent on-site work correcting dropped calls at NPD dispatch call center. A change in policy was made, NPD personnel are now required to leave their radio equipment at the department while off duty. The change would assist NPD's periodic equipment maintenance schedule. Updates, and new radios would be added to the NPD vehicle fleet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PSAC - Election of Officers,

(14:34)

- Vice Chair Piscoya inquired into to how the Commission would like to handle the item of business, Election of Officers.
- Manager Steckman offered his assistance in conducting the election process.
- Vice Chair Piscoya concurred, passing the floor to City Manager Steckman.
- Manager Steckman acknowledged the ordinance to elect a chair and vice-chair for the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to nominate Commissioner Carol Piscoya for Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hoggan; Noffske; Piscoya; Travers; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

A motion was made by C. Hoggan and seconded by C. Travers to nominate Commissioner Justin Noffske for Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

At the roll call:

Aye: Noffske; Piscoya; Travers; Bruner-Alvanna; Hoggan

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

A. NPD 3Q Report

(18:56)

- NPD Chief Mike Heintzleman discussed recent NPD dispatcher vacancies, nationwide shortage of police officer candidates, and approval of NPD personnel during such shortage. He praised Sergeant Harrison for his capacity to take various roles at NPD.
- Chief Heintzleman noted of the 58 sexual assault cases, 52 were now complete, with the remaining awaiting DNA testing, among other circumstances. Investigator Will Crockett's prior experience and current mentoring of NPD personnel was of note.
- Chair Piscoya inquired into recent non-emergency calls made.
- Manager Steckman commented, there are less emergency calls in general, reportedly ambulance calls have been down. He noted some instances will undoubtedly go unreported, sexual assaults. A recent tentative agreement with the local package liquor stores, intended to address public intoxication, was detailed; removing liquor products of \$20 or less from sale.
- Vice Chair Noffske gave support in requiring a minimum price threshold at local package liquor stores and the sharing of a 'do not sell' alcohol list amongst the stores. Any local housing offers would be shared with NPD to assist with their personnel.
- Chief Heintzleman stated he had two interested potential candidates, one who would likely relocate to Nome. He emphasized efforts to provide a local police force, ultimately personnel would need hiring local or not. Providing officers with affordable housing is a constant issue; any leads would be accepted with gratitude.
- Chair Piscoya acknowledged the current deficit of affordable housing, the lack of housing in general within Nome and beyond, in the entire region. Difficulties in finding qualified personnel in the region was acknowledged. Her division at Kawerak Corporation oversees Village Safety Officer personnel in the surrounding villages and faces similar hiring challenges.
- Vice Chair Noffske questioned if the City had identified any additional funding opportunities for NPD brought on by the forthcoming Nome Port Expansion Project
- Manager Steckman stated the Port Project wouldn't fund NPD, stating Common Council had increased NPD's budget recently. The challenge finding NPD personnel came out of caution in hiring the correct personnel, rather than just any interested candidate at NPD. Potential housing projects were noted, still in planning phases.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: November 24 - December 9, 2022
- Manager Steckman had to exit to his next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- 1) Vice Chair Noffske thanked everyone for their attendance and the informative session.
- 2) Chair Piscoya thanked everyone for her recent nomination, acknowledging Vice-chair Noffske as well. She inquired into any recent complaints received, and thanked everyone for their attendance, identifying the remaining vacant seats.
- 3) Commissioner Travers opined meeting more frequently in the future and putting together good work as a commission.
- 4) Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna thanked everyone for their work, Sergeant Harrison with accreditation, both Chief Heintzleman and Deputy Chief Pruckner for their service to Nome.
- 5) Commissioner Hogan acknowledged Chief Heintzleman and Deputy Chief Pruckner for their service prior to retirement, thanking everyone for attendance and the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Personnel and Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which Could Have Adverse Impacts on City of Nome Finances,

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Hoggan to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters the immediate knowledge of which may have an adverse effect on City of Nome finances.

The Commission entered executive session at 6:48 PM.

The Commission came out of executive session at 7:18 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Commission adjourned at 7:29 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 3rd day of April, 2023

CAROL PISCOYA
Chair

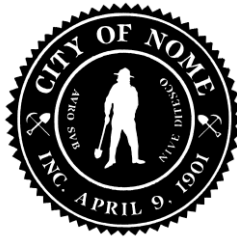
ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy Clerk

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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2023 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna (virtual-Microsoft Teams); Justin Noffske;
Carol Piscoya; Peter Travers (virtual-Microsoft Teams)

Members Absent: Jana Hoggan; Traci McGarry

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Robert Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief;
Wade Harrison, NPD Accreditation Manager/Sergeant/IT; Jeremy Jacobson,
Deputy City Clerk

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Noffske; Piscoya; Travers; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were given.

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION UPDATE

(1:23)

- NPD Sergeant/IT/Accreditation Manager, Gray Harrison stated all but one, part-time, NPD dispatcher are now Telecommunicator Certified through the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APCO). The next phase in dispatcher training would be Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD). EMD training would require CPR training and certification by City Fire Chief, Jim West Jr. Four chapters from the NPD Accreditation Policy rewrites were recently reviewed by legal; five chapters remain. Cameras for NPD's security expansion are installed, waiting on final parts to the door access readers.

- Chair Piscoya questioned with the additional training & certification, would NPD dispatchers be receiving an increase in pay?
- Manager Steckman stated there was already a City-wide pay, "step" increase recently.
- Sergeant Harrison opined the dispatcher training was unprecedented and is optimistic.
- Manager Steckman announced a recently approved a contract with Federal Engineering for the City's 911 & EMS radio system to analyze and recommend a course of action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Commission Meeting Frequency

(7:21)

- City Manager Steckman acknowledged the City Council's decision to reduce the PSAC's body to 7 members, stating the meeting frequency was now up for discussion.
- Vice Chair Noffske stated his concerns, less members, potential not making quorum and meetings pushed back months on months.
- City Manager Steckman made suggestion the discussion be continued at April's regular meeting.
- Chair Piscoya repeated for the Commission, City Manager's request to revisit the topic in April.
- Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna agreed, opining progress with NPD seems great recently.
- Commissioner Traverse stated his hesitancy with meeting less frequent. He commented there were concerns amongst the community as to the Commission's effectiveness. Opining credibility moving forward, meeting less frequent, would be concerning.
- Chair Piscoya noted the Commission would revisit the topic in April's meeting, allowing for more time for consideration.

STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager's Report

(10:32)

- City Manager Steckman noted a decline in reported sexual assaults in the last year, while unable to identify a reason; he gave acknowledgement to NPD staff, and key hires in the right positions under Chief Heintzelman.
- Chair Piscoya inquired into outstanding warrants in Nome.
- Sergeant Harrison stated while unfamiliar with the Alaska State Troopers warrants policy, the Nome Police Department has been proficient in recent pursuit with their warrants.
- City Manager Steckman noted in past, NPD personnel has traveled to the village to investigate crimes.

B. Nome Police Department Quarterly Report

(23:35)

- Deputy Chief Pruckner discussed a strong end of year closing cases, recent vacancies & hires, and far less frequent police calls received recently.

- Sergeant Harrison reaffirmed police calls received had very noticeably become less frequent.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner identified instruction made to NPD patrol, be visible on the roads, making their presence known.
- Chair Piscoya inquired into the Minor Consuming Alcohol related calls.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner noted the numbers were typical.
- Sergeant Harrison identified a single call involving a large group of minors could attribute to the numbers significantly in comparison to a single call with only one minor offense.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(27:12)

- 1) Vice Chair Noffske commented it was encouraging to hear the sexual assault case load is currently at one open case. noting it was a primary reason for the establishment of the commission. Opining anticipation with NPD's accreditation progress, acknowledging Sergeant Harrison for his efforts in the process.
- 2) Chair Piscoya appreciated the reduction in required commissioners to meet quorum and the opportunity to meet and handle business. Chair Piscoya opined progress has been made since establishing the PSAC, thanking the NPD for their pursuit in accreditation, dispatcher training as well. She opined her support for the monthly frequency but would leave the discussion for April's meeting.
- 3) Commissioner Traverse gave support toward NPD's recent efforts, opining a good hire was made in Sharon Sparks, Victim's Advocate.
- 4) Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna thanked NPD for all their hard work behind the scenes with accreditation. She thanked Carol for bringing awareness to warrants in tonight's meeting.
 - Chair Piscoya noted the Commission's remaining vacancy, any recommendations be forward to Mayor Handeland.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Traverse to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objections, the Commission adjourned at 6:39PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 3rd day of April, 2023

CAROL PISCOYA
Chair

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy Clerk



City of Nome Police Department

Michael Heintzelman
Chief of Police

Hello,

To Public Safety Advisory Commission,

Progress has been focused in the Nome 911 Center.

Dispatcher Supervisor Jeremiah Angusuc was made full time from acting. He selected Angelina Mendez, Jessica Saclamana, Karen Ecke as his Communication Training Officers they will be attending an online certifiable telecommunicator training officer course through APCO.

The dispatch training program in general is being revamped and standardized this includes grading, content, policy, and evaluation.

Chapter 604 (Arrest Information and Procedures) has finally been approved and published through the lengthy process on the sworn side.

Artic Fire & Security (AFS) finished the access card door reader expansion which expanded to the Investigator Office, DV/SA Coordinator Office, Training Room doors, Radio Room door, and Storage/equipment room.

Budget talks with the finance director/director of public works and city manager for the Impound Storage Building has been proposed, pending final approval from the council for FY24.

Proposal for In-Car Video system (dash and prisoner cam) has also been proposed which would be an extension of our AXON products in our patrol vehicles. Also pending final approval for FY24.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Wade "Gray" Harrison

Admin Sgt
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wharrison@nomealaska.org

Nome Police Department
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TO: Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

March 24, 2023

Iditarod:

By all reports, the Iditarod race for 2023 was successful. Businesses reported strong business sales and a return to more normal business conditions expected from the race. The craft-fair at OSJ was busy and there was a strong turnout at events scheduled throughout town. Some people commented about the lack of downtown sirens greeting the mushers, but as you know, the downtown siren was impacted by the fire at public works.

Everyone, who previously had visited Nome, had a positive comment about the improvements to the Mini and the Visitors Center. The Carrie M. McLain had programming related to the Iditarod as well as the Kegoayah Kozga Library.

Public Works Building:

AML/JIA staff came up to Nome this past Tuesday to evaluate the damage from the recent fire in the building. It has been determined the fire was accidental. As part of the repairs, a portion of the third-floor ceiling will need to be replaced, the second-floor ceiling will need to be replaced and all of the first-floor ceiling will be need to be replaced either because of fire damage (third Floor) or water damage. The rest of the third floor will need to be repainted.

The downtown siren will need to be repaired or replaced due to fire damage. Tools are being ordered to replace the ones that were destroyed including the brand-new spray painter purchased this past summer.

Plans are being made to relocate public works operations to the snow dump for the summer while the insulation and sheet rock are being replaced and the interior of the building painted. The City will need to out to bid on the insulation and sheet rock replacement. Everything else will be handled in house.

As part of the repairs, the third floor will probably get a new layout. Another concern that is being discussed is what is being stored in the building. If we continue to store city records and other important and other potentially historical items, there should be an additional level of protection such as carbon dioxide fire protection system.

City Hall:

Instead of the Rec Center going out for heating and ventilation system replacement, I am recommending that the city go out to bid to replace the heating and ventilation system of city hall this summer. The project will be ready to go out to bid soon as the electrical plans are signed off. The Rec Center designs are still being worked on. The city has \$1,000,000+ in ARPA funds available for this project. The project is anticipated to cost \$1,100,000.00

General Obligation Bonds:

The city has numerous projects needs that have been identified over the past ten to fifteen years that have not been addressed. The Rec Center heat and ventilation system, the locker room and sauna improvement plan, long term storage needs, ice hockey facility, improvements to other building heating systems, the city radio and communication system, etc.

While staff is working on grant funding to assist to pay for some of these projects, the list will continue to grow unless we consider a more aggressive approach.

OSHA training:

Matt Barone and I attended a two-day training course on OSHA regulations which is the tip of the iceberg compared to the hours of training needed in all areas of OSHA regulation.

The training was helpful to assist us in identifying improvements needed in our facilities and to improve the handling of chemicals and their proper storage in our facilities.

Federal Engineering:

A representative of Federal Engineering was in Nome to begin the review of the radio transmission problems being experienced by city personnel. The plan is to develop by May a preliminary plan for the city to review for radio improvements.

Work Session on Monday:

Jay Sterne, our lobbyist in Washington, DC, will here at your work session on Monday night to discuss what is happening in the Congress and our priorities. I have also invited Wendy Chamberlin, our state lobbyist, State Senator Donny Olsen and State Representative Neal Foster to also attend to listen to the concerns in Nome.

Port Commission:

The Port Commission met this past week in what was a very quick meeting to discuss the port expansion project and the port tariff.

FEMA:

Staff met with FEMA officials to discuss the city's submittal for reimbursements in regards to Typhoon Merbok. The city will start submitting the detailed information requested by FEMA over the next several

weeks. I sent a letter requesting that the rates for fuel and rental vehicles be at a higher rate than the normal schedule used by FEMA. We are waiting a response from our request.

Regional Planning Meeting:

A meeting that was organized by Kawerak was held with representatives from Kawerak, BSRHA, NSHC, HUD and the Denali Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss housing and infrastructure needs in Nome and the region. One interesting tidbit of information that was came out in the meeting, is that the Nome Census District has been identified as the prime area of growth for the next ten years for Alaska.

Budget Prep for 2023/2024:

Nickie and her staff have submitted budget materials for department staff to review. Staff has been submitting goals and personnel needs for review as part of budget preparations.

Technology Difficulties in Council Chambers:

The City is still having technical difficulties with being able to broadcast our meetings. ICE that installed the system almost three years ago during COVID will attempt t correct the problem again. This week's meeting, we will have Zoom available but no streaming capabilities over you tube.

Police Radios in cars:

For your information, three in-car police radios systems are being replaced that are the oldest radios that the city owns.



City of Nome Police Department

Michael Heintzelman
Chief of Police

1st Quarter Stat Report
Jan-March 2023

General patrol statistics

Category	January – March 30 2023
Calls for Service counting keep checks	2992
Arrests	93
Total Charges	249
Traffic Stops	108
Citations	35
Incident Reports	153
Sexual Assaults	4
Intoxicated Person Calls	117
Ambulance Requests	115
Fire Department Response	14
Court Service Documents	48
Dispatch Stats	
Non-Emergency Calls	788
911 Calls	243

Total Calls for Service counting keep check patrols: 2992
Of which Alcohol Related: 546 (18%)

Total Arrests: 93
Alcohol Related: 81 (87%)

Personnel

PO II Travis Schiaffo employment ended.
PO II Chelsea Griffin hired, tentative start date April 1, 2023.

Vacancies

(3) Police Officer Spots
(2) Communications Officer

Vehicles

2004 302 – Old CSO Van

Good condition

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2005 290 – CSO Chevy Astro Van
Fair condition

2021 679 – Ford Expedition
Good condition.

2022 689 Ford Expedition
New condition

2022 692 Ford Expedition
New condition

2016 321 – Silver unmarked Explorer
Good condition.

2016 322 – Black Explorer
Fair condition.

2016 323 – White Explorer
Fair condition

2019 885 – F-150
Good condition

2019 887 – F-150
Good condition

2021 978 - F-150
New condition

2021 Can Am Side by Side ATV 800
Good condition.

EQUIPMENT

Access door reader expansion being completed now.
Commercial Grade Scanner purchased for digital archive project.

INVESTIGATIONS

2023 SA's
Closed: 4
Open: 0

RADIO PROJECT

Radio project – Federal Engineering won consultation bid and came up last week. Reports to be finalized by May and June timeframe.

REVL Communications up this week to try and solve some issues, found other problems such as dead radios on Nome Disaster and EMS. Console's out of date and failing causing glitches.

ACCREDITATION

Dispatcher Supervisor Jeremiah Angusuc was made full time from acting. He selected Angelina Mendez, Jessica Saclamana, Karen Ecke as his Communication Training Officers they will be attending an online certifiable telecommunicator training officer course through APCO.

The dispatch training program in general is being revamped and standardized this includes grading, content, policy, and evaluation.

Many policies are moving towards the approval/publish phase. Latest being Chapter 604 Arrest Information and Procedures.

Artic Fire & Security (AFS) finished the access card door reader expansion which expanded to the Investigator Office, DV/SA Coordinator Office, Training Room doors, Radio Room door, and Storage/equipment room.

Budget talks with the finance director/director of public works and city manager for the Impound Storage Building has been proposed, pending final approval from the council for FY24.

Proposal for In-Car Video system (dash and prisoner cam) has also been proposed which would be an extension of our AXON products in our patrol vehicles. Also pending final approval for FY24.

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