



# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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*This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.*

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - Chair Rob Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**Committee Members:** Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Cara Christensen, and Catherine Cotton were present.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:**

Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Drew Bouta, Acting City Administrator/Finance Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

1. The minutes dated November 4, 2024, were approved as presented.

**AGENDA BILLS**

2. **AB24-125:** Interlocal Agreement Renewal with Issaquah Jail. Chief Lynch introduced this item and discussed the number of guaranteed beds, history of rate increases, use of other jails, and less expensive options. Handouts provided which reflect the number of inmates per day and average per month. This item is approved to move forward at the November 25, 2024, City Council meeting on the consent agenda.

**DISCUSSION**

3. Fire 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024 Accreditation Report. Chief Bailey introduced this item and reviewed the report highlighting incidents per month and incidents per year with 2024 expected to exceed 1600 calls, type of calls with a decrease in EMS and good intent calls, mutual aid given and received with slight decrease in given and increase in received, new section on transports by Snoqualmie, fire inspections, and fire loss reflected no losses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Committee comments and questions followed.
4. Fire Department Updates provided by Chief Bailey:
  - a. Strategic Plan: This has been completed with edits due back to the vendor on Monday. Then they will make a final copy. It is anticipated to be brought back to Council in January.

- b. Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan: Chief is continuing to work on it with the vendor who is incorporating the final edits. The goal is to have it completed by the end of the year.
  - c. New Firefighters: Two started at the beginning of November. Both are working and badge pinning is set for November 25, 2024. Three firefighters were approved in the 2025-2026 biennial budget are in the background process.
  - d. New Fire Engine: Deputy Chief Brown has been working on this with the vendor. Final completion set for December with delivery in January.
  - e. Aid Car: Backup aid car set to be replaced in 2025. Deputy Chief Brown has put together a committee to look at options and a proposed path, either re-chassis or brand new.
5. 2025 Legislative Priorities. Discussion led by CM Wotton. Additional input provided by CM Cotton, CM Christensen, and Mayor Ross.

**NEW BUSINESS** – There was no new business.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION** – There were no items for future discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

*Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.  
Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.  
Minutes approved at the December 2, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting*