

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 9:04 a.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner Dave Parmley, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Director of Facilities Mgmt. & Neighborhood Revitalization Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Potter from the Spectator, Bill Dugan from WLEA and Chamberlain Michele Smith.

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Richardson

By Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held December 12, 2019 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

By Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

RESOLUTIONS:

BY: Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$298,092.02 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

Chief Brzozowski – They are still cleaning up after the fire. Most of the repairs are done, but they are waiting on a few parts. Insurance claims have gone through. They are on the final step of their maintenance program and they are getting information into the system faster. The two new recruits will be going to the Fire Academy February 3 for 11 weeks and they will graduate in April. Both recruits are doing well and have jumped right in.

Bud Burdett – Larry has been busy with inspections and PPA's. There have been many tenant complaints, heat issues and landlord issues they are dealing with. Bud is dealing with the cleanup of the Preston Avenue fires, the county's responsibility, asbestos issues & following the rules & regulations. They are hoping to have the contractor there in 2-3 weeks to get started there. The big issue is that it isn't going as quickly as possible. Help from the county level has been great.

Chief Murray – Bail reform and discovery laws have been keeping them busy. They are getting information to the D.A. regularly. They have been dealing with heroin lately with 2 overdoses due to a new strain of fentanyl. These new laws have changed how they can move forward with these issues. Looking at their year end report, complaints and tickets are up, parking tickets are down, it has been a very productive year. Going over the analysis of drug arrests of 2019, arrests stayed the same, meth use has gone up, the age of the offenders is mostly 30-40 year olds, not many teens, which is good for the community. They will keep their efforts going to keep the community safe. Bail reform is putting the public at risk. It emboldens the criminals. There used to be help for people with mental health issues, that measure has stopped at this point.

By Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan City Clerk