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Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

3:00 PM

Fire Department

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Travis Menard (Chairperson)
Janet Sloan (Vice-Chairperson)
Tim Arvidson
Bonnie Dews
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STAFF PRESENT

Norris Croom – Fire Chief
Jack Cauley – Police Chief
Deborah Stanley – Fire

EXCUSED

Kerstin Keough

GUESTS

Pete Mangers, Revenue Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Menard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Sloan moved to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes. Mr. Arvidson seconded the motion; the motion carried. Request made to correct last month's attendance report. Janet Sloan and David Dostaler were unable to attend the September meeting because they were participating with the Fire Chief's interviews.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Croom distributed the Fire Department's August monthly report.
- Rich Martin has been selected to replace Norris Croom as the Operations Chief. The promotion for BC Martin, who has been with the Castle Rock Fire Department for 20 years, will be effective next Monday, October 8.
 - BC Martin's promotion leaves a vacant battalion chief (BC) position within the department. The department intends on filling this position with a lieutenant (LT) by the end of the month.
 - This in turn, will leave an opening for a LT position, most probably filled by an engineer.
- The new Type III brush trucks, which are paired with the Quints at Station 151 and 155, were delivered last month.
 - The Type VI brush truck arrived here in Castle Rock this morning. It will take two weeks to ready it for service.
 - The two replacement Type I engines should arrive in November.
- Chief Croom was asked about the frequency of Omega calls (mental health issues needing additional support). The department responds to about three such calls a week and not all of these calls require transports. Chief Cauley commented that it is the Police



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Department that usually is the first to respond to these calls and it is PD who then calls CRFD, if needed.

- Chief Croom was questioned about the increase in training hours this year. The department has refined its training program with an increased focus on special ops training (trench, swift water and high angle rescues).
- Chief Croom shared a motivational message he received from a Fire Chief in Hartford CT – “If you improve by 1% everyday, within a year you will have improved by 365%.”

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Cauley distributed the Police Department’s August monthly report.
- The Police Department is nearly finished with updating its Strategic Plan. The plan will be presented to Public Safety Commission members next month and Council early next year.
 - Is this a one or five year plan? This is a five year plan.
 - The department, when reviewing the previous Strategic Plan, discovered that the plan was “spot on” in a lot of areas previously identified (technology and innovation).
 - It is good to see what the department has accomplished in five years through living and practicing this plan.
- How is the One by One Policing program working? The program is going really well. We are continuing to move it through the organization.
- This week, Council approved naming the new park in the Meadows neighborhood after Deputy Zack S. Parrish III. The date of the official ceremony is to be determined.
- Chief Cauley was asked why the monthly report does not include statistics on suicide incidents. This is something the department tracks internally but it is too sensitive of an issue, to publicize to the public.
 - The department works with area schools to look for trends.
 - Are rates increasing? No, the rates have been steady. Unfortunately, our state suicide rate is higher than the national average.
 - The department has received additional training for these types of calls.
 - Brief discussion on suicide.
- The department received 345 applications for its most recent police officer job postings.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Philip S. Miller Resource Grant Program – The annual budget set for this program is \$40,000.
 - Pete Mangers presented an overview of the program.
 - To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (19) organization. Funding requests must include provisions for the necessities of life: water, energy, food or shelter assistance.
 - Applicant presentations:
 - American Legion Post 1187 – requested amount: \$2,500
 - Commander Larry Underwood and Finance Officer Jim Thiessen presented an overview of Post 1187’s programs.



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- Funding would be used to replace uniforms, flags and assist with relocating veterans who are returning home from active duty. The requested funds would have a huge impact, allowing for more outreach events in the community.
- American Legion Post 1187 supports local boy scout organizations with food drives for local families in need and local food banks.
- The 137 members of Post 1187 contributed over 3300 hours of community service in 2017 and rely on donations from other organizations to continue their services.
- Crisis Center – requested amount: \$25,000
 - Executive Director Jennifer Walker presented an overview of the Crisis Center.
 - Established in 1985, the Crisis Center exists to end domestic violence through advocacy, education and prevention.
 - Requested funding would help fund operational support for the emergency shelter and Community Advocacy Project program for victims of domestic violence, specifically those clients that reside in Castle Rock.
 - In 2017, the agency assisted over 9,000 people, of which approximately 50% were from Castle Rock. Approximately 70% of Crisis Center clients do not access any public service, saving the Town of Castle Rock approximately \$1.14 million a year.
- Douglas / Elbert Task Force – requested amount: \$20,000
 - Executive Director Dan Marlow presented an overview of the Task Force.
 - Funding would be used to purchase food for the food bank.
 - Funding will not only support the on-site food bank but will also provide support for the agency's once a month off-site senior food banks located at Reyn Rock Plaza, Oakwood apartments and Auburn Ridge - three low-income older adult housing facilities here in Castle Rock.
 - In 2017, the Task Force distributed \$1,440,485 in food, hygiene and household supplies. 837,491 lbs. of food was distributed. This year, the Task Force established a new program which provides at risk school aged children with food for the weekends.
- Commission recommendations
 - Discussion was held on each organization's request and presentation. Mr. Smoker made a motion recommending the following Philip S. Miller Grant amounts; Mr. Moreland seconded the motion.
 - Vote results: 8 yea. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Recommendation to Council:
 - American Legion Post 1187 - \$2,500 (with a stipulation that funds be used exclusively for water, energy, food or shelter assistance).
 - Crisis Center – \$17,500
 - Douglas / Elbert Task Force – \$20,000



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- Recommendation will be presented to Council on November 06.

NEW BUSINESS:

- n/a

OLD BUSINESS:

- n/a

Mr. Menard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Smoker seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for
November 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department.**