



## Public Safety Committee

June 28, 2016

Regular Scheduled Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

## APPROVED NOTES

### Elected Officials:

Councilmember Tom Watson, Chair

Councilmember Justin Evans

Councilmember Dan Swatman

### Anticipated Staff:

Court Administrator, Kathy Seymour

Police Chief, Dana Powers

Judge, Ron Heslop (Absent)

City Prosecutor, Maili Barber

Fire Chief, Bud Backer

Probation Officer, Stacey Lamond

Community Development Director, John Vodopich

Patrol Sergeant, Ryan Boyle

Assistant Police Chief, James Keller

### I. ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Watson delivered roll call.

### II. ACTION ITEMS:

*Approval of the May 24, 2016 Notes*

Councilmember Evans moved to approve draft notes as written

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

*Fireworks During a Drought*

*Sponsor: Councilmember Watson*

Chief Backer commented it is not as dry as it was last year, there has been more rain in the last few weeks. Should be no need for an emergency ban of fireworks.

*Firework Education*

*Sponsor: Police Chief Powers*

Police Chief Powers commented they have worked on educating their staff, Sargent Boyle and City Prosecutor Barber have worked together to put procedures in place.

Sargent Boyle stated they will have several Officers working July 3, 4, and 5 for extra patrols. They are trying to be proactive and have distributed flyers to all the firework stands with what is allowed in Bonney Lake for discharging fireworks. Will have a patrol team just to respond to firework calls.

*Mail Theft Rise/More Serious Crime*  
*Sponsor: Councilmember Watson*

Councilmember Watson is concerned with the rise of mail/package thefts. Is interested in how they can make it a more serious crime.

Police Chief Powers responded that mail thefts have actually gone down since last year. Suggested communities have a good community watch, citizens keep their bushes low to allow a clear view of the front yard and put up cheap cameras.

Chris Nelson – Citizen- commented when he had a package stolen and the police showed up right away and thanks to social media his package was recovered within 30 hours. It was disappointing the mail thief was only given a ticket.

Chief Powers commented they were not able to give her a night in jail, she will appear in front of a judge.

#### **IV. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Watson asked if there has been anymore bear sightings.

Assistant Chief Keller stated there was nothing new on the bears.

Sargent Boyle showed a quick video the City made on boater safety. They will show the video before the movies in the park this Summer. They have talked to over 8,000 kids this year through the Swim Safe program.

Councilmember Evans suggested they also do the Swim Safe program at the local daycares.

Councilmember Watson is concerned with boat speed, how to educate boat owners and with boat parking.

Sargent Boyle responded the lake was over crowded a few weeks ago, it is hard to judge from a distance the speed of the boat. There are boaters who are not use to boating on the lake.

Police Chief Powers is working with Public Works to place no parking signs.

Nanci Lien-Citizen- the parking is not the problem it is the number of launches. There is no count being done to calculate the number of launches being allowed or the number of boats leaving the lake. Would like

to see boater safety information being passed out not all boaters are aware of the rules. Boaters are not aware of the speed limits in the different areas. Would like to see someone out after dark ticketing boaters that are still out on the lake.

Chris Nelson-Citizen- Lives on the channel and has donated two buoys the first one was placed where they had asked for it to be placed the second one was placed where it didn't many any sense. Would like to see buoys in the channel with the speed limits to get boaters to slow down.

Jeff Lincoln-Citizen- He is a Civil Engineer and knows how to measure distances, the laws are not being enforced. Concerned with the tip of Interlake Island and how the boats should be going 5 mph. He used his drone to take pictures and video of the lake. Then City needs to change the ordinances so you can enforce them. Had water skiers out at 5 AM this morning.

Bob Burnwell-Citizen- He is retired law enforcement has had wakes so big they come over the side of his boat. Has heard boaters out there after midnight.

Councilmember Watson will ask the Mayor to look at the boating ordinances and fees.

Police Chief Powers will be attending a Heroin/Opiates forum at the Puyallup Pioneer Park Pavilion.

**V. ON GOING DISCUSSION:**

*Monthly Criminal Report*

*Sponsor: Police Chief Powers*

Police Chief Powers distributed the monthly report for May. No questions were asked.

*Monthly Fire Department Report*

*Sponsor: Fire Chief Backer*

Fire Chief Backer commented they will have extra staff on duty for brush fires.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting at 5:44.

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Debbie McDonald, Public Safety Clerk