



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Leslie Young, Gregg Olson, James Mellema and Loyd Platson

City Staff: Chief Warren, Chief Baty, Exc. Assistant Serena Wild, Assembly Member Duncan, Assembly Member Miller, and Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Young to move items 1-4 under New Business to the February 23, 2022, meeting.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 22, 2021

Motion: M-Young/S-Platson to approve the December 22, 2021 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Liaison Duncan – Assembly recently approved at first reading a new grant funded fire engineer position and to adopt the budget adjustment for the summer tourism plan, including funding for more staffing and a mini-ambulance.
2. Chief Baty – hired two new dispatchers, dispatch is now fully staffed and will be trained up in two to three months. Moving forward on the centralized dispatch center, FD has been working with Dispatch to integrate their systems into the PD's.
3. Chief Warren – EMT class happening now. Has been working on a new volunteer policy as the policy that was in place was taken out of the CBS Handbook. COVID testing at the airport will end as the contract with the State has ended, best way to find testing is to call the COVID hotline.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect Chair – postponed till February 23, 2022.

2. Elect Vice-Chair – postponed till February 23, 2022.
3. Department Liaison Selection – postponed till February 23, 2022.
4. Annual Review of By-Laws – postponed till February 23, 2022.
5. Proposed APV Ordinance

Mike Finn, Sitka ATV Club, came forward and explained what the ATV Club is and how they could help the community with snow removal. He also shared that they too are concerned about safety and can help get APV's street ready and perhaps do pre-inspection inspections to help reduce staff time.

Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson spoke regarding the ordinance and had a few suggested edits for the Commission to consider.

Motion: M- Platson/S-Young to amend the proposed ordinance as follows and recommend the ordinance, as amended, to the Assembly for consideration.

Amend 11.75.030 section E by removing the Assembly from the appeal process.

Amend 11.75.040 section F number 7 to reflect that the weight limit must not exceed that of the manufacturers recommendation and the load may not affect steering and handling.

Amend 11.75.040 section F number 9 that the APV must have a minimum of a 250cc engine.

Action: Motion passed 4-0.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Olson will appear before the Assembly to give them a Commission update.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 23, 2022 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.