



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

City Staff: Chief Warren, Lt Achee, Exc. Assistant Serena Wild and Assembly Member Mosher

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2022

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Young to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Luke Johnson came forward and spoke about acquiring statics from the PD.

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Lt Achee – PD has been investigating an arson in Crescent Harbor. The tourism plan has had growing pains and working thru them, trying to keep all entities happy, which is very challenging.
2. Chief Warren – will be doing SAR exercises with USCG and very happy to have volunteers back in the department. Recently attended a mental health panel to help identify weaknesses and how one might respond to a crisis. Call volume remains high and on an upward trajectory. Assembly recently approved another position for the FD and Chief was very happy and thankful for the position.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Snow Removal

The Assembly wished for the Commission to review the snow plowing and removal practices and identify if and where there might be problem areas in Sitka. The Commission were in agreement that Sitka occasionally gets a large amount of snow and it can be an issue during those times. Decision was made to invite both State and City snow plowing staff to the next meeting to speak with them regarding the currently snow plowing practices.

H. NEW BUSINESS

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Platson shared that there are three prevention coalitions in town to help with substance abuse, the HOPE Coalition, Sitka Health Summit and Pathways to a Safer Sitka Coalition.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.