



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 27, 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, Loyd Platson, Gregg Olson, James Mellema

City Staff: Chief Warren, Chief Baty, Exc. Assistant Serena Wild and Assembly Member Duncan

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2022

Motion: M-Platson/S-Young to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

1. Natalie Hausinger – came forward but was determined to not be the owner of the vehicle. Owner has 30 days to appeal the citation.

F. REPORTS

1. Chief Baty – shared one recruit was at the academy, there is one jailer with four open positions, ACO position open but have been working with Friends of the Sitka Animal Shelter who have taken on the care of the animals at the Shelter. Dispatch completed a number of qualifications to become a centralized dispatch for Public Safety in Sitka and Chief Warren has been a major help in the transition.
2. Chief Warren – very happy with how the centeralized dipstach as taken form. Fire Dept is able to get on the road much faster than before, cutting response time down. FD still ahead of call volume and on track for another record call year. Not just the cruise passengers, more calls for everything.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Snow Removal
Olson summarized what had previously been discussed at meetings regarding Snow Removal.
Mike Finn, with Sitka All-Terrain Riders, came forward and shared the All-Terrain Riders have plows and are willing to help with snow removal. There was

talk that the group would plan to assign “routes” to different riders when needed to clear snow.

H. NEW BUSINESS

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Olson had seen a program for free Narcan and fentanyl test strips and inquired if Sitka had signed up. It was shared that Project Gabe, named in honor of Gabe Johnston, who died of an opioid overdose in January of this year and was the son of Sitka Public Health Nurse Denise Ewing, had begun in the spring and was working on distributing the kits among high-risk demographics of Southeast Alaska, including fisherman and seafood workers.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**
Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.