

## LEWISVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2022

Town Hall Conference Room #201

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Cobert called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. In attendance were Harlan Cobert, Chris Cobert, Robert Fitzpatrick, Aaron Hutmacher, Warren McMahan, Annemarie Stanford, Lewisville Fire Captain Jesse Levy, and Vienna Fire Chief Tim Lasley. Dale Harriman, and Sergeant PJ Stringer were not in attendance.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chris Cobert moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Robert Fitzpatrick and approved unanimously.
- III. **Minutes Approval**
  - A. Chris Cobert moved to approve the June 7, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Annemarie Stanford and approved unanimously.
  - B. Aaron Hutmacher moved to approve the July 18, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Cobert and approved unanimously.
- IV. **Membership** – Robert Fitzpatrick was appointed to the committee by Council on July 14, 2022.
- V. **Public Safety Reports**
  - A. Forsyth County Sheriff's Office – Chair Cobert reported the new deputy position was approved by Council and could be filled soon. The position will increase staffing providing some flexibility for the Lewisville officers.
  - B. Lewisville Fire Department – Captain Levy shared the May, June, and July 2022 call stats.
  - C. Vienna Fire Department
    - Chief Lasley shared recent call stats.
    - In November 2022, the Department of Insurance (DOI) will conduct an evaluation. The department is working to retain their Class 3 rating with hopes of increasing to Class 2. Lewisville Fire Department is assisting them with the evaluation process since Lewisville Fire Department was recently evaluated.
    - The new tanker chassis should be completed in about 5 months.
    - As of 9 AM that morning, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are utilizing the same channel and all seems to be working well.
    - An additional \$6,709 in budget funds was received from Forsyth County.
    - Employee and volunteer retention is critical.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. Preparedness Initiative – Information related to the Preparedness Initiative is being communicated through Town Hall, Mary Alice Warren Community Center (MAWCC), and the Town's website. A CERT Train-the-Trainer (TTT) session will be held at MAWCC October 22-23. Participants must be CERT certified or taking IS317 through the FEMA learning site as an alternative. Another community CERT class is being planned for Spring 2023.
  - B. Traffic Safety Initiative – Public Safety Day – The Public Safety Day event will be held at Shallowford Square prior to a Town concert on August 27 from 1 PM until 6 PM. Committee members are encouraged to attend and be ready to help setup at 12:30 PM. The following will be part of the event: seat belt trailer; BAT mobile (possible); K9 (possible); Lewisville Fire Department's inflatable house, boot and firefighter suit, and ladder truck; Safe Kids coordinator for car seat and bicycle safety; fire apparatus from Vienna Fire Department; CERT members wearing gear to explain CERT; and Forsyth County QXCOM.

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- C. Emergency Operations Plan Update – Chair Cobert is compiling all information from the subcommittee. Once completed, both the subcommittee and overall committee will be requested to review the plan.
- D. Plan of Work – Chair Cobert captured notes from the committee’s July 18 meeting. He will compile the notes, send notes to Dora, and request Dora to share the notes with the committee.

**VII. New Business – None**

**VIII. Clerk Report**

- A. Answers to concerns expressed at June 7 meeting related to pending Town projects:
  - 1. EV battery vehicle accidents/fires – The Town does not have these statistics. Area fire departments may be able to provide information.
    - a. Captain Levy reported the Lewisville Fire Department will be partnering with other volunteer fire departments on training exercises related to these types of fires.
  - 2. Potential crime increase – As with growth in any area, there are unknowns; however, the Town is unaware of any reasons why this should be of concern.
  - 3. Increased traffic – The purpose of these projects is to reduce traffic impact.
  - 4. Lewisville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan prioritization – The priorities were emailed to the committee in July.
- B. Council approved a Social Media Policy in May for all elected officials and appointed members. The policy has been included with the August agenda email as reference.

**C. For the Good of the Order**

- A. Mr. Hutmacher inquired if there were safe places for individuals to meet for exchanging online sale items and receiving payment? The committee agreed this was not something the committee should address.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is September 6, 2022.

**D. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

ATTEST:

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Harlan Cobert, Chair

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Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk