

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
August 17, 2020**

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
(Zoom Online Meeting 543 874 7404) was also available for remote attendance.)

Voting Members present:

Chairman Brian Butler and Alderman Todd Yoder.

Other Officials present: Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, Chief of Police-Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief-Jeff Stevens, Jeremy Doerr-WFD, Kevin Byrd-WFD, Alderman Daniel Cobb, Alderman Lilija Stevens (remote), Linda Storer-Administrative Assistant.

Residents: Mr. & Mrs. Amdall.

1. Non-member Alderman wishing to be heard

None

2. Citizens wishing to be heard

None

3. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2020

Motion to approve by Chairman Butler – Alderman Yoder motioned, Chairman Butler 2nd.

4. Business Items

A. City Hall Drop Off Box Location and Elm Street Traffic Patterns

A letter was received from a resident at 104 N. Elm advising that their car has been struck (4) times and have had their fence damaged because of the traffic on N. Elm. This is where the Water Department Bill Drop-Off Mailbox is located. This topic up for discussion by members of the City to explore possible alternate locations for the box.

Will come back to this topic at a future meeting with the results.

B. Speed Trailer Results

Chief McCoy gave the results of a two-week traffic study at Devonshire & Westminster N/B.

There was a total of 12,874 cars. The speed limit is 25mph. Total speeders is 3267. That computes to 25% of all the cars. 85% of the vehicles were @ 27mph. The median speed was 23mph and the maximum speed was 57mph.

C. Fire Department Update

Kevin Byrd introduced the new Washington Fire Department Chief, Bret Brown. He begins on September 1st.

Kevin Byrd expressed his desire to add another ambulance crew as Washington paramedic crews are running many more calls than in the past. He defined the "2nd" ambulance need. When the crew is already on a call and another call comes in, they use mutual aid ambulances from other jurisdictions. These requests are becoming more frequent due to OSF Urgo, Unity Point Prompt Care and the assisted living communities located in Washington. The sheer increase in the number of calls makes it imperative to increase funding for the fire department.

D. Police Department Update

Chief McCoy asked if there were any questions about the Monthly Report. There were none.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

Chairman Butler asked for a motion – motion made by Alderman Yoder and 2nd by Chairman Butler at 5:48pm.

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