



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Gregg Olson via Zoom, Leslie Young, and James Mellema
City Staff: Chief Warren, Chief Baty, Assemblymember Pike and Exc. Assistant Serena Wild

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 28, 2023

Motion: Motion by Young to approve the August 28, 2023 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Gamble came forward and shared his feelings on the summer tourism.

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

Tom Gamble – came forward, appeal was denied.

F. REPORTS

Chief Baty – coming Saturday will be DEA Drug Take Back Day, partnering with Sitka Counseling. Tuesday will be the annual Downtown Trick or Treating and PD will hand out glow bracelets. Recruitment continues to be an issue and will using a new approach on recruitment.

Chief Warren – FD has a bunch of training coming up, including FF I, Hazmat, FF 2 and EMT I. FD recently got a MedStat ambulance to access congested areas or off-road areas. It was purchased with CPET funds, from tourism, and will be staged at the Cruise Ship Terminal but is available for calls elsewhere as needed.

Chairman – shared that a Human Trafficking seminar had happened.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Amending Title 11 “Vehicles And Traffic” Of The Sitka General Code By Updating Chapter 11.75 “All-Purpose Vehicles”

Mike Finn, with Sitka ATV Club, came forward and shared his view on why he thought the purposed changes were good.

Chief Baty expressed safety concerns regarding some of the changes.

Olson seconded the safety concerns brought up.

Motion: Motion by Young to recommend to the Assembly the proposed changes to SGC Chapter 11.75 “All-Purpose Vehicles”.

Action: Motion died due to lack of a second.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mellema expressed concern regarding the increase of speeding on HPR. PD will try to patrol in the area during busy times.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM.