

**Menifee Public Safety Committee  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020  
Regular Session 3:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers  
29844 Haun Road  
Menifee, CA 92586**

**Matt Liesemeyer, Chair  
Lesia Sobek, Committee Member**



**REGULAR MEETING (3:00 P.M)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Matt Liesemeyer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Committee Chair Matt Liesemeyer, Committee Member Lesia Sobek, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman, Executive Assistant Mandy Stephens, Assistant City Engineer Yolanda Macalalad, Senior Traffic Engineer Rob Blough, Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks, Park Ranger Amanda Ingraham, Police Chief Pat Walsh, Police Captain Dave Gutierrez, Police Sergeant Raul Perez, Fire Chief Kirk Barnett, Fire Marshal Sonya Bu, Animal Control Officer Monique Middleton.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**5.1 July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

The committee members approved the minutes unanimously (2-0) with no modifications.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**6.1 Fire Department Monthly Report**

Fire Division Chief Kirk Barnett provided the monthly report and reported the significant incidents for July. He reported that the wild land fire season would be picking up in the summer months. Committee Member Sobek asked if the wild land fires had any connection to people not complying with weed abatement notices. Fire Chief Barnett said he was not aware of that but that one of the fires had started as a result from sparks while welding.

Fire Chief Barnett reported on COVID-19 and said they had seen one positive case in June 2020 and six positive cases in July 2020. He said they do not

diagnose in the field and that all information known at the scene is confirmed at the time of the call, so they only report COVID 19 cases if the person has identified themselves as having it.

#### 6.2 Office of the Fire Marshall Report

Fire Marshal Sonya Bu provided the monthly report and said they have been completing State mandated inspections for large family daycares via virtual formats including Ring Central and Facetime. Committee Member Sobek asked if this type of inspection will continue in the future. Fire Chief Barnett said that facilities that have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19 would continue being virtual with visual checks, but construction and school inspections would need to be in person.

#### 6.3 Menifee Police Department Staff Report

Police Chief Pat Walsh and Police Captain Dave Gutierrez provided the monthly report and stated that for the month of July 2020 there were a total of 5500 calls, out of which 3716 were calls for service where officers made contacts with people. They also reported that they have upgraded software, so they are able to complete citations on their phones and print them via a Bluetooth printer.

Committee Member Liesemeyer asked about how the Police Department would be receiving grant funding. Captain Gutierrez stated that they would be applying for an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant which would be presented at the September 2, 2020 Council meeting.

Committee Member Sobek asked based on the reports they had presented, if they were doing everything they planned to do. Chief Walsh said that crime rates can go down with improved technology and preventative measures.

Committee Member Sobek asked about any COVID 19 incidents within the department and overtime. Captain Gutierrez said that there had been a few instances when staff had to stay home as they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and that there had been some overtime as they are not fully staffed but they are tracking to be under budget.

#### 6.4 Code Enforcement Monthly Staff Report.

Police Sergeant Raul Perez presented the monthly report. He stated that there have been some complaints related to COVID-19 which have been referred to Riverside County Department of Public Health. Committee Member Liesemeyer asked how the City can help to enforce more and to be effective. Sergeant Perez said that by changing County codes to Municipal codes, would help to enforce more as they would be able to make some violations misdemeanors and can begin fining people for violations if needed.

6.5 Animal Control Monthly Report

Animal Control Office Monique Middleton provided the monthly report and stated that more animals are being left out in the summer which has resulted in more welfare checks. She also informed the Committee that their clinic in Lake Elsinore provides spay/neuter services and vaccines with an appointment seven days a week.

6.6 Public Works/Engineering Report

Assistant City Engineer Yolanda Macalalad provided the monthly report and Senior Traffic Engineer Rob Blough gave updates on some of the projects the department has been working on. He discussed the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) pipeline project and explained there would be traffic detours due to only one traffic lane being open in one direction. Assistant City Engineer Macalalad said Senior Management Analyst Samantha Rodriguez will be working with Economic Development to assist EMWD in notifying residents.

Committee Member Sobek asked about the traffic speed survey. Senior Traffic Engineer Blough said the final draft would be ready by the end of August 2020. Committee Member Sobek also asked about the LED lights that were fitted to replace the old style of street lighting and if the project was complete. Assistant City Manager Wyman said that the project had been completed but he would find out if there were any left that needed to be replaced.

6.7 Community Services Monthly Report

Community Services Director Jonathan Nicks provided the monthly report. Park Ranger Amanda Ingraham said that youth sport practices would be taking place beginning September 2020.

6.8 School Districts Monthly Report

No representatives from the School Districts were present.

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Committee Member Sobek said she would like to see a plan to make public service announcements (PSA) that can assist in community outreach for difficult situations including domestic violence and alcohol related incidents. Committee Member Liesemeyer mentioned that this was something that maybe the City Council should talk about. Community Services Director Nicks mentioned that there are some mental health services and free helplines that assist with some of these situations.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Liesemeyer adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.



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Mandy Stephens, Executive Assistant