



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monroe Police Department
Duty Room
218 East Franklin Street
Monroe, NC
April 19, 2021
4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Staff Notes from February 15, 2021 Meeting
2. Serve Unity Outreach Presentation
3. Fire Department Donation of SCBA's
4. Fire Department Swift Water Rescue Update

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2021
STAFF NOTES FOR INFORMATION
PURPOSES ONLY**

The Public Safety Committee was scheduled to meet on February 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Fire Station 4. Due to the lack of a quorum, Chairman Holloway proceeded with the Agenda for information purposes for those attending. Staff notes were prepared *for informational purposes only*.

Members Present: Chairman Marion Holloway, Council Member Freddie Gordon, Council Member Angelia James, and Committee Member Robert Jones

Absent: Committee Member Gary Anderson; Committee Member Julian Garrett

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Faison, City Attorney Mujeeb Shah-Khan, Fire Chief Ron Fowler, Police Chief Bryan Gilliard, Interim Director Engineering Sara McAllister, Police Sargent Traffic Division Chris Rowan, Fire Deputy Chief Greg Collins, Fire Administrative Assistant Alice Williams

Guest: Walter Gibson, Robert Pendleton

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Item 1. Ordinance to Amend Traffic Code – Chapter 76 Parking Schedules, Parking Schedule VI, Tow-Away Zones

Engineering Department Interim Director Sara McAllister requested consideration of amending Schedule VI: Tow-Away Zones to add the loading dock area and two parking spaces behind the Dowd Theater.

Item 2. OMNOVA GRANT

Fire Chief Ron Fowler requested consideration of accepting a grant and budget amendment in the amount of \$1,750 from the OMNOVA Solutions Foundation to appropriate these funds for use by the Fire Department.

3. SAFER Grant Opportunity

Fire Chief Ron Fowler is seeking authorization to apply for a Federal SAFER grant for 12 firefighters to staff future Fire Station 6.

Item 4. Update on Traffic Enforcement in Downtown Area

Police Department Traffic Division Sargent Chris Rowan provided an update on traffic enforcement efforts in the downtown Monroe area.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Williams



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2021

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Serve Unity Outreach

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Council Member James requested that Ms. Ulunda Baker with Serve Unity Outreach be added to the addend to give a presentation to the Public Safety Committee.

REVIEW

Ms. Ulunda Baker with Serve Unity will give a presentation to propose a community alliance program comprised of organizations that serve various needs of the community, City, Police and neighborhoods. Also will discuss ways to possibly partner on community outreach by supporting some Police outreach efforts to neighborhoods.

RECOMMENDATION

For informational purposes only.



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2021

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Donation of Surplus Property (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Public Safety Committee is requested to consider the attached resolution to donate surplus self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) to other fire departments and other governmental units.

REVIEW

The fire department has purchased all new SCBAs and has placed them in service. The new SCBAs purchased meet the current National Fire Protection Association Standards. The department has no further need for the used SCBAs that the new units replaced. The used SCBAs vary in age and do not meet current standards.

Some volunteer fire departments are still using SCBAs that are comparable to the surplus SCBAs we have and are in need of additional units. South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and the Public Safety Academies with Union County Public Schools (UCPS) also have a need for SCBAs to use in their respective firefighter training programs. Staff requests authorization to donate these surplus SCBAs to other fire departments, South Piedmont Community College and Union County Public Schools. The City benefits from mutual aid assistance from other fire departments and benefits from the firefighter training programs offered by SPCC and UCPS.

Staff would offer the surplus SCBAs to other fire departments in Union County, SPCC and UCPS first. Should there be additional SCBAs available after these needs are met; Staff would offer to fire departments outside of Union County.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-280 authorizes cities to donate surplus property and equipment to government units, including nonprofit organizations such as volunteer fire

departments. Resolution 2021-25, Resolution to Donate Surplus Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to Other Fire Departments or Governmental Units, is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Public Safety Committee to recommend to Council adoption of Resolution 2021-25 authorizing the donation of surplus self-contained breathing apparatus to other fire departments and other governmental units.

Attachment:
Resolution: R-2021-25

**RESOLUTION TO DONATE SURPLUS SELF-CONTAINED
BREATHING APPARATUS TO OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
OR GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
R-2021-25**

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe has purchased new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and replaced all the SCBAs in the fire department; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has approximately 50 used SCBAs, which vary in age and condition and do not meet current standards. These SCBAs are no longer used or needed by the fire department and have therefore been declared surplus property; and

WHEREAS, some fire departments are in need of additional SCBAs; and

WHEREAS, South Piedmont Community College and Union County Public Schools wish to utilize some of these SCBAs in their firefighter training programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe wishes to assist other fire departments in serving their communities and assist South Piedmont Community College and Union County Public Schools in training firefighters by donating these used SCBAs to them; and

WHEREAS, General Statute 160A-280 authorizes municipalities to donate surplus property to governmental units and nonprofit organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Monroe hereby adopts this resolution to donate used, surplus SCBAs to other fire departments, South Piedmont Community College and Union County Public Schools.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 11th day of May 2021.

Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2021

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Swift Water Rescue Program

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Fire Department staff will give the Public Safety Committee an update on recent enhancements to our Swift Water Rescue program.

REVIEW

The fire department has worked over the past couple of years to enhance our water rescue capabilities to better meet our citizen's needs. These enhancements include training, certifications and equipment. Union County has also provided financial assistance in this effort.

As a result of these enhancements, we have achieved a Type II qualification from NC Emergency Management in Offensive Swift Water Rescue Operations. The Monroe Fire Department Swift Water team is the 11th team in the western branch of NC to be typed through NC Emergency Management. While our primary goal is always to meet our citizens needs first, we will be available to deploy to assist in other areas when the need arises for our specialty

RECOMMENDATION

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