



City of San Juan Bautista

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CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY (AD-HOC) SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

January 24, 2022

MINUTES

(Meeting held via Zoom Internet Video/Audio Conference Service)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 P.M.

Freels, Delgado, Jordan, Medeiros, Ponce, Reynolds

ROLL CALL: Present: Freels, Delgado, Jordan, Medeiros, Ponce, Reynolds,
Fire Chief Del Campo, Lieutenant Corral

Late:

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by David Medeiros

3. REVIEW OF NOTES FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING (attached)

A motion was made by Reynolds to amend the misspelling of Level 1's lawyer Michael Avramidis. The minutes were approved as corrected.

4. GUEST SPEAKERS:

- a. *Fire Chief Bob Martin Del Campo presented to the Committee the annual report for the Hollister Fire Department.*

Fire Chief Del Campo lead the presentation introducing a map with their area of service. He stated that the Hollister fire department is responsible to cover 1,400 square area miles of the San Benito County. Throughout the presentation Fire Chief Del Campo would show the districts and their major type incident. He explained that on the Hollister fire station response times, light colors meant it would take approximately 3–4 minutes to response, while green meant 5–8-minute response time. He mentioned that in the following annual report, motor vehicles accidents will be added to allow the city to get an idea of congestions on the roads. It will be derived from Rescue and Emergency Medical Services section. Also, he emphasized that downtown businesses, apartment complexes, and hotels require life safety inspections. The fire department will start doing these inspections as requested.

Fire Chief Del Campo spoke about his responsibility to seek grants to alleviate cost. He emphasized that every opportunity he gets to apply for a grant he does. The fire department able to receive a \$60,000 grant for automobile tools. Not only did they receive that grant, but they also received a \$700,000 grant that constructed the Hollister's Fire Department 4 story multiroom training



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tower. He mentioned that the fire fighters train there on a weekly basis. The space is not only specific to the Hollister fire department. Gilroy's fire department will also use the training tower.

For fire prevention, Chief Del Campo noted that they are on their way of surpassing last year's fire inspections, having done 1123 inspections so far. He mentioned to the committee that the law enforcement officers are well versed at investigating the cause of the fires.

Ponce- Mentioned that she felt it is important for members of the general public to be informed of what is occurring in the fire department.

Medeiros- Questioned if the state has a way to measure if the City of San Juan Bautista has the correct equipment?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Answered that they follow the National Fire Protection Standard (NFPA). He found it important to note that San Juan Bautista is not the same as other jurisdiction, seeing as there is wild land interference and agriculture. The correct equipment is dependent of the location.

Medeiros- Questioned if the fire department is trained to deal with the constant fires?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Responded that in the case of an emergency, the public will be notified to evacuate the premises. If a large-scale event were to occur, multiple services will be required to handle it. He mentioned that there are some drills to needed to prepare for these emergencies. There are two levels of training, one is for the community while the other is for the firefighters.

Delgado- Questioned in the case of an emergency, will San Juan Bautista residents be adopted into Hollister's system?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Stated that all of the community will be in consideration during the moments of emergency. He then reminded the committee that San Juan Bautista has their battalion chief.

Delgado- Questioned if the battalion chief is the key person to communication with? And if so, can they only be contacted regarding fires and danger?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Reminded them that each place has a liaison officer with the adequate knowledge to reach out to. In the case of emergencies, an emergency operation center would open.

Delgado- Questioned if our fire department would be trained four the independence rally?



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Fire Chief Del Campo- Answered stating that San Juan Bautista is an extremely important facility in the department for San Benito County, During the rally there is roughly around 20,000-30,000 individuals. The fire department will place additional water sources in San Juan Bautista (in town and out of town). On Fourth of July there is a lot of spot fires. San Juan Bautista will have: 2 engines and water tender, 5-6 firefighters staffing three different pieces of equipment. He emphasized, that just because an event was occurring, he will provide the same level of service to San Juan Bautista.

Jordan- Sought further understanding of a good intent call and mutual aid?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Gave an example of good intent being a smoke detector going off and the fire fighters will go to the property to change the battery. As well as helping someone who was locked out of their vehicle.

Jordan- Questioned if the people, city hall staff, and public works would be able to have the active shooting training?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Responded that the training for city hall would be more defensive, whereas the fire department uses more of a reactive approach. Either way, he will look into it.

Reynolds- Mentioned that the city could use more help from the fire department with planning future events better.

Jordan- Mentioned that she found having a check off a list beneficial before an event, to see if the city was ready for it.

Reynolds- Questioned if Chief Del Campo had heard anything about the county contracting a different service provider?

Fire Chief Del Campo- Reassured Reynolds, stating that he was 75% certain it was not going to happen.

Reynolds- Wondered if during the summer there could be training for residents?

Fire Chief Del Campo Guest Speaker ended at 4:55 pm

b. Lieutenant Tomas Corral was present to answer the questions and concerns the council members had.

Reynolds- Mentioned that over the weekend there was complaints about burglaries and break-ins. He questioned if Corral knew of these issues and if they were reported?



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Lieutenant Corral- Stated that there was only one report for 18 Monterey Street on the 21st.

Reynolds- Stated that there is an issue in the community of San Juan Bautista and their lack of reporting crime.

Lieutenant Corral- Mentioned that the lack of calls is an issue everywhere. It is important to call the Sheriff's department to have the crime statistics documented accurately.

Ponce- Questioned if there was a possibility for better communication between the sheriff's department and Level 1. She mentioned how Level 1's report the previous month had a lot of incidents, but none were solved. She believes that if Level 1 reported to the sheriff's department, the sheriffs would keep up with the suspicious activity.

Lieutenant Corral- stated that it will be easier to resolve the issues once there is an assigned dedicated deputy.

Ponce- Mentioned that regardless of the dedicated deputy, there are sheriffs on duty who can follow-up on these reports.

Lieutenant Corral- Stated that he was not aware of Level 1's reports, but is open to the idea if it will help resolve issues.

Freels- Mentioned that the dedicated deputy still needs to do training and how the sheriff's department can get involved with Level 1.

Lieutenant Corral- Mentioned that the Sheriff's department is not normally involved with citations, except when contracted with municipalities. There are a lot of young employees willing to learn. Believes that Level 1 has very detailed reports and wondered if Don could send the reports to Lieutenant Corral? He mentioned that there have been a few vandalizations, but the victim did not call due to the cop's response time.

Delgado- Mentioned that by the beginning of January all Sheriffs will be trained to write tickets. Questioned if sheriffs can cite vehicle violations?

Lieutenant Corral- Stated that while deputies are trained to write vehicle citations, they lack the exposure due to the contract with the Highway Patrol's.

Delgado- Mentioned that the sheriffs did not tow a vehicle with no tags

Lieutenant Corral- Provided his email: tcorral@sbcsheriff.org

Jordan- Questioned if there was anything the city could do to help the sheriff's department?

Lieutenant Corral- Emphasized to encourage residents to report crime. He knows that people may not call due to not wanting to bother the sheriff's department or the sheriff's department response time. While he knows that their response times are a little longer, a deputy may be around the corner when needed. It is important to address small problems before they get big.

Jordan- Would like to bring up the issue of calling and reporting at the next council meeting.



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Guest Speakers Ended at 5:13 pm

5. SECURITY CAMERAS-Draft Request for Qualifications (verbal report-update)

The committee spoke about the presence of cameras in the city

Reynolds- Mentioned that he was actively looking to receive different request for qualifications (RFQ) from other cities. Also, he is thinking of hiring someone who can help create a plan and pricing strategy for the camera's equipment. By doing so, the city would be able to implement cameras in phases. He then mentioned how in June of 2021 the City of Oceanside spent \$500,000 as well as federal grants to put 9 cameras and an old system into place. He reminded the committee about the agreement with, Etheric, a broadband company and the city. He mentioned how Etheric is ready to pull building permits, since they finally have the hardware in stock to begin installing the broadband access up at the water tank. He believes that the cameras can connect into the broadband.

Medeiros- Questioned if the cameras would have real time monitoring?

Reynolds- Responded that the cameras could be checked anywhere in the world with a secure system.

Freels- Likes the idea installing cameras in tiers, sees it as economically beneficial, allowing the city to discover their target areas.

Delgado- Questioned if Reynolds had contacted SurveillanceGRID? And if Level 1 would be able to monitor the cameras at a lower rate?

Jordan- Questioned if there was a substation in the windmill? She then mentioned installing cameras in entry points. She would like to get another City's RFP. She believes that using surveillance grid will be beneficial, because using the same company as Hollister allows for potentially working together.

6. PATH OF TRAVEL

a. *Jordan- Question if the School Superintendent should be invited to the next meeting?*

Ponce- Believes it would be good to have the school district superintendent and board member.

b. *New ideas to add?*

Medeiros- Would like to speak about animal control and a dog park. He suggests another park close to San Juan Bautista creek, believing that the location may be historically valuable.



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Delgado- Would like to speak about installing GPS on the code enforcement officer.

Freels- Would also like to meet with the school's superintendent. He would like to speak about the active shooter program and shelter in place. He believes that we have to speak to the City of Hollister regarding their animal control.

Freels left meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Reynolds- Mentioned following up with Hollister's Chief of Police Reynoso

Jordan- Would like to speak about cameras with Chief Reynoso. She would also like to speak with Fire Chief Del Campo about looking at grants.

7. FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022 MEETING- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Code Enforcement*
- School Superintendent*
- Hollister Police Department*

Reynolds question if everyone was in favor of meeting the 4th Monday of February. By consensus the committee changed the date to February 28, 2022.

Motion to Adjourn at 5:32 p.m.