

Minutes
Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting
Friday, May 17, 2019
3:00pm

The Committee met on the above date for a Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting at 3:00pm in the large conference room at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following members were present: Council member Britt Blackwell, Council member Joel Hamilton and Council member Robert Winkler. Also present were County Manager, Bill Shanahan, Assistant County Manager, Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager, David Harmon, Assistant County Attorney, Emily Brown and Executive Assistant to the County Manager, Linda Norris.

Meeting was called to order by Council member Britt Blackwell

Summary and Actions:

1. Assistant County Manager reviewed the Capital Equipment Replacement Plan:
 - a. The Fitch study reported that York County has 53 pumpers , 45 being identified as ideal number;
 - b. Fitch study suggested a mileage/age replacement schedule, rotating apparatus amongst stations to prolong life of equipment;
 - c. Changing call types, aging populations, more man-made materials and less fire related calls demand a change in approach in what equipment we buy and how often we buy that equipment;
 - d. Budget should slow down in large capital investment; reassignment of existing assets; and slow drawdown of fund balance

2. Andy Merriman also addressed the Firefighter Incentive Program and explained that the intent is to compensate credentialed firefighters in good standing with a YC member department for guaranteed coverage during times of high call volume or known coverage gaps.
 - a. .6mil increase in rural fire tax
 - b. \$12/hour (\$12.96 with FICA and Medicare)
 - c. 8, 10 or 12 hour shift
 - d. Hours distributed to department via 2018 call volume
 - e. Two options:
 - i. .6mil for new firefighter incentive program
 - ii. .4mil for new firefighter incentive program and .2mil to increase direct assistance
 - f. Those who meet requirements will be put into a cadre of firefighters from which a Chief can draw to cover needed shifts;
 - i. Firefighter cannot serve in their home department

- ii. Chiefs and officers are eligible provided they serve in another department
- g. After the shift, the firefighter signs a timesheet, the Chief of that department ratifies the time worked and it is then submitted to Fire Safety and processed through York County payroll.

Council member Robert Winkler wants to make sure that staff includes the Fire Chiefs in the decision making for these programs. Mr. Merriman will begin scheduling meetings with the Fire Chiefs.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Robert Winkler and seconded by Council member Joel Hamilton. Motion Carried.