



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 23, 2022

8:00 am

Eldridge City Hall 305 N 3rd Street

Call to order July 23@ 8:02 by Councilman Bruce Cheerl. Committee members present are Bruce Cheek, Keith Schneckloth & Tony Rupe. Absent are Frank King, Dan Collins & Joe Sisler. Also present are Chris Hulscher, Tim Martinik & Dave Engler. **Note Joe Sisler arrived at 8:04. **Note Dan Collins arrived at 8:11.

Eldridge Fire Department (EFD) members were present to give a status report on the Eldridge Fire Department. EFD presented the committee with two handouts from other fire departments similar in size to Eldridge. EFD is seeking clarification from the City of Eldridge on what they see fire protection looking like in the future.

EFD members expressed that the amount of time required to do the administrative work is taking it's toll on the members who are actively participating with EFD. EFD would like to see one full time employee of the city assigned directly to EFD for administrative work, grant writing, station detail, etc. EFD has actively been recruiting for new members with little success for many years.

Bruce Cheek expressed his support for EFD. Dan Collins acknowledged the need for an employee at EFD and assured EFD members present that the City Council will be addressing this soon, including at the August 1 City Council meeting.

Submitted by Tony Rupe