

**Menifee Public Safety Committee  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
Regular Session 3:00 PM**

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

**Greg August, Chair  
Matt Liesemeyer, Committee Member**



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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Greg August called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Committee Chair Greg August, Committee Member Lesa Sobek, City Manager Armando Villa, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman, Committee Secretary Rachel Kleinpeter, Building Official Colin McNie, Code Enforcement Manager Lionel Martinez, Code Enforcement Officer Amber Kearney, Code Enforcement Officer Andrea Montes, Animal Control Officer J. Bratten, Traffic Engineer Rob Blough, Community Services Director Johnathan Nicks, Community Services Supervisor Jason Hendrix, Fire Captain Scott Philippbar, Fire Marshal Sonya Bu, Police Sergeant Dominic Schrieber

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

5.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes moved to October 08, 2019 Public Safety Meeting

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Captain Scott Philippbar provided the monthly report and significant incidents for the month of August.

Committee Member Lesa Sobek asked for information regarding a mobile home fire. Fire Captain Scott Philippbar stated it was still under investigation.

Ms. Sobek asked how a Murrieta fire started. Fire Captain Philippbar stated he believed it was lightning.

Ms. Sobek asked how Wolfie Donuts was able to open when it was red tagged after a fire. Building Official Colin McNie provided clarification on the situation.

Committee Chair Greg August inquired about a fire in Sun City. Fire Captain Philipbar stated he was not on duty at the time it took place.

Ms. Sobek and Fire Captain Philipbar discussed the increase in calls within the Ralph's shopping center. Mr. McNie replied that the shopping center is under new management and suggested that could be contributing to the increase.

#### 6.2 Police Department Monthly Report

Police Sergeant Dominic Schreiber presented the monthly statistics and cases of interest. Sergeant Schreiber reported on various station activities and events for the month of August.

Committee Chair August and Sergeant Schreiber discussed the amount of time police stations keep arrested individuals.

Ms. Sobek commented on the increased number of homeless camps beneath the concrete bridge behind Santa Rosa Academy. Sergeant Schreiber suggested more work be done to buckle down gates to the openings below the bridge and to get tighter security.

#### 6.3 Code Enforcement Department Monthly Report.

Building Official Colin McNie provided the report for August. Mr. McNie introduced the plan for new weed abatement program to go into effect next year after funding is received this November. Mr. McNie reported on the rising number of marijuana houses and Code Enforcement's efforts in reducing marijuana addiction. Mr. McNie discussed Code Enforcement's collaboration with Animal Friends of the Valley to increase spaying and neutering.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman asked Mr. McNie if the City is allowed to seize homes. Mr. McNie discusses current approach of turning power and electricity off.

#### 6.4 Animal Control Monthly Report

Animal Control Officer J. Bratten provided the Animal Control Services Report for the Month of August.

Ms. Bratten informed committee of rising complaints of coyote sightings and reported on ways to reduce Coyote sightings.

#### 6.5 Public Works/ Engineering Monthly Report

Senior Traffic Engineer Rob Blough provided the monthly report for the month of August.

Mr. Blough discussed early morning traffic congestion issues and concerns near Menifee Valley Middle School and mentioned that the school is considering options to alleviate the problem. Mr. Blough added that City Staff would be meeting with the School District to help resolve issue.

Ms. Sobek asks if there will be officers helping guide traffic while new changes are made or if flashing stop signs will be used instead. Mr. Blough responded the City was considering flashing signs and are analyzing the costs.

6.6 Community Services Park Ranger Monthly Report

Community Services Supervisor Jason Hendrix provided the Park Ranger monthly report for the month of August and added that there has been an increase in transient contact in the last month. Mr. Hendrix commented that SWAG (Social Worker Action Group) is collaborating with the City of Wildomar to come up with a solution and to split costs.

Ms. Sobek asked why there has been an increase in transients.

Mr. Hendrix responded the issue was affecting surrounding cities as well and anticipated the numbers would decrease in the next month.

6.7 School Districts Monthly Report

No representatives from the School Districts were present.

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman mentioned inclusive playground event that took place in the month of August.

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

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair August adjourned the meeting at 4:32 PM.



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Roxy Elliott, Committee Secretary