

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Orting City Hall Council Chambers
May 14, 2021, AM
(Virtual Meeting)

ATTENDANCE Tony Belot, Chair/Councilmember
 Tod Gunther, Vice Chair/Councilmember
 Scott Larson, City Administrator
 Chris Gard, Police Chief
 Kristin Wetzel, Orting Police

Call to Order at 8:00 AM

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of April, 2021 Minutes

Yard Burning

- The committee will address burning ordinance concerns, with a resident, during the June committee meeting

Drug Possession

- New Washington state law makes simple drug possession a misdemeanor instead of a felony. The impact of that decision was discussed. The city attorney will be providing a presentation to the council regarding the changes in the law and how it will impact policing and court.

Body Cameras

- The police department and city administration are still exploring the possibility of utilizing body cameras for officers. Chief Gard participated in a webinar demonstration of the technology and exploration of the cost. City administration has been in contact with other area cities, currently using the technology, to gather information on how other cities have successfully managed adding this tool to their police departments.

Emergency Management Update

- The EM team is meeting once a month. The committee discussed the possibility of having a EM booth, geared toward lahar education/information, at the farmers market.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 AM