

Thursday, December 12, 2024  
First Church of the Nazarene: 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members Present: Barney Danishefsky, Karen Gray, Mike Polaske.

Council Members Absent: Alicia Hamilton and Judy White.

7:00 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

- November meeting minutes read. Mike motioned and Barney seconded. Public was asked to comment: none. Unanimously approved as read.

New Business:

- Sheriff Jesse Slaughter, CCSD: The sheriff discussed the past several years jail budget and moving forward what can be done to keep the budget in balance and the jail functional. Karen asked about separating the mentally ill inmates and Sheriff Slaughter commented that the department has received grant money for a mental health facility and help for those inmates. Robert Mocassin asked about the relationship between the city police department and the jail.
- Judge Mark Dunn, Municipal Court Update: Judge Dunn has been a municipal court judge for a year now. The court is short two staff members, but the staff is coping well. Currently, the judges are sharing one courtroom. Homeless and mental health issues are constant. Recidivism rates are high. Jane Weber asked what the judge can do in these cases. Mike followed up with a question about what percentage of cases are alcohol and drug related. 80% or higher are drugs and alcohol related. Shannon Wilson asked if the judge adjudicated only misdemeanors. The judge explained that many offenses become felonies if you accumulate enough of them. Barney asked about juveniles, but the judge said only traffic issues with juveniles go through municipal court.

Board/Online Business:

- Crime-mapping: Last month: 15 assaults (3 at GFHS); Disturbing the Peace (7 at GFHS); 11 thefts (2 at GFHS).

Neighbor and Student Input:

- Jane Weber thanked the council for allowing her to attend this past year. Barney asked Jane to look into the marijuana tax rates and distribution. The counties that haven't legalized sales shouldn't profit off those that have legalized it.
- Barney received an email from a neighbor complaining about 3 separate properties. Shannon Wilson said to contact Code Enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

- Karen motioned to adjourn. Barney seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray