

Public Services Committee

Meeting Agenda

November 22, 2021 4:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers – Thurber Community Building

1. November 22, 2021 /4:30 p.m. City Council Chambers -Thurber Community Building.
2. National Community Survey Results.

Members Present: Councilor Pam Bluhm and Dave Frank.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Luke Thieke, Shane Fox and Joel Young.

Fire Dept: Chief Luke Thieke reported that the Department has recommended a slate of officers for the upcoming year, being Luke Thieke as Chief, Peter Erickson as 1st Assistant Chief, Cole Mckean as 2nd Assistant Chief, Chris Musty as Training Officer, Steve Schmiedeberg as Safety Officer and Jason Baldner and Jill Harstad as Captains. The committee was supportive of the recommendation.

Ambulance Dept.: The committee was supportive of hiring Steven Schlichter, Jacob Markham and Zach Linnell as EMTs.

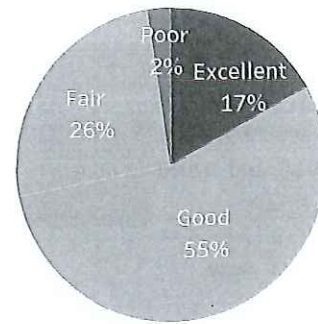
Garbage Bags: It was reported that there are supply chain issues that are causing problems in getting garbage bags for the garbage service. Currently, Bill Hanson has enough bags on hand to supply the system for about fourteen weeks. Unfortunately, the manufacturer is operating at 50% capacity and cannot fill orders in time to supply new bags. The distributor has offered a number of overstock bags and there is an amount of red-colored bags available in Atlanta, that could supply the community's needs for the next year. The committee members supported the use of the red bags while the supply situation works itself back to a more predictable situation.

Apartment Building Trash Collection: The committee reviewed the current method of collecting trash at apartment buildings. Apartments are administered the same way as residences in that each apartment unit is charged a minimum monthly rate, just as is charged to single family residences. The committee determined that the system should continue as is.

Utilities

Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Chatfield



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Chatfield.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Sewer services	80%	Similar
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	79%	Similar
Drinking water	78%	Similar
Storm water management	75%	Similar
Utility billing	71%	Similar
Affordable high-speed internet access	60%	Similar
Garbage collection	58%	Lower

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Chatfield as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	72%	Similar
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* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Safety

Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.

Overall feeling of safety in Chatfield



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Chatfield as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall feeling of safety	94%	Similar

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:
(% very or somewhat safe)

In Chatfield's downtown/commercial area during the day	99%	Higher
In your neighborhood during the day	99%	Similar
From violent crime	91%	Similar
From property crime	89%	Similar
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	85%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Chatfield.
(% excellent or good)

Fire services	97%	Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services	97%	Similar
Police/Sheriff services	80%	Similar
Fire prevention and education	79%	Similar
Crime prevention	72%	Similar
Emergency preparedness	69%	Similar
Animal control	65%	Similar

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