



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday January 5, 2023; 2:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Mueller Civic Center Conference Room; 801 S. 6th Street

Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present: Alderman Bill Lukens; Alderman J. R. Huddleston; Alderwoman Debra Johnston; Mayor Bob Nelson, Chief Ross Norton; City Administrator Jeff Temple; Frank Maynard, FR Emergency Manager

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted

Communications from the Public

No communications from the public

Update from the Police Department

- Call data review;
- PD responded to 327 calls in December, 30 of which were High Risk;
- In 2022 the PD responded to 5899 calls, 623, or 10.56% of which were considered High Risk
- Staffing update:
 - Continuing to get applicants, one promising uncertified, one promising certified;
 - 2K is completing his FTO phase, he will work double shifted with another officer.
- New vehicle will be completed mid-January. Waiting on graphics and radar. Waiting on status of the 2016 Charger.

Old business

20-31: NIMS/ICS Training Update

- ICS 402 Training will be Thursday February 28 8:30-12:00 p.m. via Zoom; each attendee must register.

21-15: House Number Project Update – No update

21-23: Fuels Reduction Grant update – No update

22-06: Traffic sign update – Stop sign will be installed along with temporary No Parking signs on the east side of the alley during the road reconstruction project.

22-13: Speed camera project update – The State's Attorney has checked with the State's Attorney General's Office. Based on previous legal issues it is recommended we do not pursue the ticketing portion of this project.

New Business

1. Cold Brook Street vs Cold Brook Avenue name issue.



- a. Committee recommends correcting the signs and establishing East Cold Brook Street and West Cold Brook Street and will notify the County and the resident on what will be East Cold Brook Street. Efforts will be made to get Google to correct Google Maps.
2. Review request for No Parking on east side of alley between Albany and Baltimore
 - a. Committee concurs. See Old Business item 22-06
3. Request for a No parking zone (80') across from 2516 & 2518 Washington St. due to safety concerns
 - a. Committee recognizes this as a safety issue and concurs with the No Parking zone.
4. Update on nuisance vehicle removal plan
 - a. Plan will go before Council during Executive Session on January 17.
5. Thermal boot request by City Administrator for Water and Maintenance Department employees:
 - a. The Committee supports the purchase of the of City mandated, City purchased safety equipment
6. Comprehensive Plan, DISCUSSION ONLY items. Update the Public Safety Committee Charter with purposes that align with the Comprehensive Plan
 - Develop and implement an Action Plan that aligns the functioning capabilities of the Police Department with the City threats and law enforcement needs.
 - Partner with the community and other Committees as appropriate to ensure that issues that could impact the safety of the public are addressed in a timely manner within the constraints of budget and staffing; taking into consideration the qualitative risk rating of the issues.

Adjournment

3:40 p.m.