



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday February 2, 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; Safety Coordinator Lori Sherrard; FRC Emergency Manager Frank Maynard

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published

Communications from the Public

Update from the Police Department

- Chief Norton discussed the Fall River County Sheriff's desire to deputize City Officers.
 - Chief Norton supports the request;
 - This action would not cause an increase in the number of calls of City Officers responding outside the City;
 - The existing out of City permissions practice and policy will remain in place;
 - It is felt that deputizing the City Officers will strengthen the level of cooperation that already exists;
 - This action may eliminate some unnecessary legal challenges;
 - The Committee recommends the Council approves the request to deputize the City Officers.
- Chief Norton supplied a proposal to replace all TASERS this year instead of purchasing the two older models that were budgeted. Based on the economics, liability insurance provided, warranties and technical abilities, the Committee supports the proposal.
- Due to our staffing successes, Officer initiated contacts have been improving and increasing.

Old business

21-15: House Number Project Update

- Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are both working to gather data.

23-01: Cold Brook Street name issue

- Signs have been ordered; County has been notified; letters have been drafted to be sent to Cold Brook Street residents. Item closed

23-02: No Parking Zone across from 2516 & 2518 Washington St.

- Signs have been ordered. Item closed



New Business

1. Yield sign on Canyon View Circle
 - a. The sign does not control an intersection and should be removed.
2. General discussion was held by the members regarding the Clothing Policy that is currently being revised.
3. The next meeting is Thursday March 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Mueller Center Conference Room

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.