



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday April 6, 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; FRC Emergency Manager Frank Maynard; Renae Staley, Compliance Manager FRHS; Molly Andersen, QA, FRHS; Melissa Fleming, FRCSO Dispatch.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published

Communications from the Public

Members from FRHS were present to learn about the Committee

Update from the Police Department

- Both officers at the academy are doing well and have passed their first sectional test;
- 2016 Charger work is completed and is ready for break-in miles, which will be accomplished by Officer Hughes as she travels to and from the academy.
- Son-Tech has ordered the in-car computers. Typical installation time is 2-3 days once the equipment arrives.
- In March the PD responded to 324 calls, 21 of which were considered High Risk calls.

Old business

No Old Business

New Business

1. Trenton Haffley with SD Game, Fish and Parks was present to discuss the next steps in authorizing and planning a deer harvest based on the latest deer population survey.
2. Items from the members:
 - a. Frank Maynard provided an update on the recent tornado drill. Based on the number of areas of town that could not hear the siren his office will be requesting a grant for two additional sirens; one at the State Home and one near the City Library. The purchase and installation would be accomplished by the County and only need City concurrence. The siren would be used for both severe weather and fire notifications.
 - b. During the recent snow storm Dispatch received multiple calls about snow removal because of the standard phone message from the City Hall number referring people



to call Dispatch when the City offices are closed. This resulted in a high volume of non-emergency traffic at the Dispatch Center. Mayor Nelson took an action item to review the current process.

Learning Moment

As a learning moment the Committee reviewed an analysis of the body cam video of the Nashville Covenant School shooting.

Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday May 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Mueller Center Conference Room.