



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday July 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; Officer Matthew Wendland; FRC Emergency Manager Frank Maynard; FRHS Compliance Manager, Renae Staley; Luke Broyles, Ryan Engel

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published

Communications from the Public

- Crosswalk sign at 16th & University has been knocked down and removed.
- The south side of Jennings Avenue between the bump out and the first parking spot by The Kitchen needs a barricade as it is being used a parking spot and is blocking traffic.

Update from the Police Department

- Chief Norton introduced Officer Matthew Wendland. He will start the academy in November
- Reviewed installation of one of the in-car computers
- 5 members at Close Quarters Combative Training on July 6 & 7
- 3 fireworks calls on July 4th
- Discussed Park bathroom unlocking and locking
- In May the PD responded to 413 calls, 61 of which were considered high risk.

Old business

21-15: House Number Project Next Steps, working on the process to make the notifications and begin the corrective actions

- Working on a process to send letters to the residents

21-23: Fuels Reduction Grant:

- On hold pending City Administrator position being filled

22-06: STOP Sign at Albany Street Alley / No Parking on east side of alley between Vision Source and Senior Center

- Waiting on resources to complete



New Business

1. Members of the public were present to request additional STOP signs and No Thru Truck signs on 23rd Street at Jennings Ave as well as Bridge Load Limits signs at 23rd St. and University Ave. warning of the Minnekahta Bridge load limits. There was additional discussion about relocating the SPEED TRAILER to 23rd St.

Learning Moment

Safety considerations associated with E-Bike Charging was discussed.

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday August 3rd at 1:00 p.. at the Mueller Center Conference Room.