



## City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Thursday February 1, 2024; 2:00 p.m.

**Location of Meeting:** Mueller Civic Center Conference Room; 801 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Members present: Alderman Bill Lukens; Alderman J.R. Huddleston; Alderwoman Debra Johnston; Mayor Bob Nelson; Captain Phil Shively; FRC Emergency Manager Frank Maynard; FRC Assistant Emergency Manager Gary Baker; FRHS Compliance Manager Renae Staley; Trenton Haffley SD GF&P

### **Members of the Public**

None

### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as published

### **Communications from the Public**

None

### **Update from the Police Department**

- Training materials purchased as supplies: Training gun conversion kits, ammo and protective gear to conduct Force on Force Training, to be purchased will be coded as supplies per Office of Legislative Audit guidance and requirements, but Supplies are over spent as a result of this purchase, it was agreed by the Committee that the Training budget could be managed to cover any overage as long as the overall departmental expenditures remain in line with the approved budget. These training guns will provide excellent training opportunities for our departmental members as they will be able to utilize Trainers from the FRC Sheriff's Office to facilitate this type of training.
- The department is processing five applicants to the Reserve Officer program who were able to take advantage of training with Custer County. These 5 will fully staff our Reserve Program. Committee supports the staffing of the Reserve program, however department administration will need to utilize existing resources and within the current budget.
- The department is reviewing grants to acquire training to get the department trained and certified to an Special Response Team (SRT) level.
- Officer Wendland will start the academy (LET) in March



### **Old business**

- The status of the seven items on the action item list were reviewed and discussed. Progress is being made or scheduled for all items.

### **New Business**

1. Trenton Haffley with SD Game, Fish and Parks was present to discuss a potential 2024 deer harvest. The following key points were brought out:
  - a. Transplanting deer is not an option due to disease;
  - b. A general harvest is not a likely option because of the struggling mule deer population in the state;
  - c. With property owner approval, private property access permits are an option which would provide access to more of the deer impacting the interior part of the city;
  - d. GF&P will try to include Hot Springs in the “regulatory chapter” for 2024 which would result in GF&P handling most of the administrative activities.
  - e. The Committee will continue to work the issue and plan for the 2024 deer count survey to be done prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Traffic Control Signage at 6<sup>th</sup> Street / Canton Avenue / Jensen Hwy:
  - a. Committee agrees to add back the stop sign on Canton Ave at 6<sup>th</sup> St and remove the construction stop sign on 6<sup>th</sup> at Canton.

**Adjournment:** 3:15 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p. at the Mueller Center Conference Room.