



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday March 7, 2024; 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 Assistant Emergency Manager Gary Baker; Sheriff Lyle Norton; FRHS Compliance Manager Renae Staley
Guests: DCI Agent

Members of the Public

None

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published

Communications from the Public

None

Update from the Police Department

- As of February Expense Report, PD had expended 14.23% of its budget through 16.67% of the year.
- In February officers responded to 388 calls, 76 of which were considered potentially high risk call. Of the 783 calls through February, 20.31% are considered potentially high risk calls.

Old business

1. The status of the seven items on the action item list: Deferred until next month.

New Business

1. ALPR Camera Project Update:
 - a. South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) provided a presentation on DCI's camera technology of License Plate Readers (LRP), and their desire to install a camera in the Hot Springs area.
 - b. The partnership involves the City providing an installation point for an LPR camera to DCI. As this is a DCI project, there would be no cost to the City, however our Police Department as well as the Fall River County Sheriff's Office would benefit from the technology;



- c. The basic purpose of the LPR technology is to assist law enforcement, to include our local Police Department and Sheriff's Office in ongoing and active criminal investigations. This tool is aimed to address violent crimes and felonies, to include murders, kidnappings, human trafficking, drug trafficking, Amber Alert child abductions, and stolen vehicles amongst other crimes.
 - d. The LPR cameras are designed to recognize license plates only, they **do not** identify speeding violations, stop sign violations, nor is it used for facial recognition.
 - e. It does not identify registered owners of vehicles.
 - f. Access to this technology is controlled by strong policies and procedures, e.g. only being used when a crime has occurred; who can use it, record retention periods, how the data is shared;
2. Information Only – The recently signed agreement between the Fall River Radio Club and Fall River Emergency Management Office was shared with the committee.

Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

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