



City of Hot Springs Public Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday June 6, 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; Chief Ross Norton;

Members of the Public

Gary Telkamp, Ryan Engel

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published

Communications from the Public

- Concern over the STOP sign on 6th at the exit of Dakotamart Gas. Committee commented that it had been previously agreed that it should be removed. City Administrator will be notified.
- Chief Norton updated a member of the public on the parking issue at 19th and Jennings

Update from the Police Department

- Rifles have been received; pistols are being milled and should be received the mid-June;
- Bicycles: SDCL requires a resolution to surplus or auction them off. They will be included in the fall City auction. Any remaining bicycles can be disposed of at the PDs discretion.
- The PD has applied for a Highway Safety Grant. The application included \$12,000 to cover overtime wages and \$3,000 for Preliminary Breath Test units (PBT). The purpose of the effort is DUI enforcement. The Chief should know by early August if we received the grant. It is a reimbursement grant so the PD must work the time, then apply for the reimbursement. The PBTs have already purchased. OT is 100% match; PBT is 80% match.
- In April Officers responded to 371 calls, 75 of which were considered high risk and in May they responded to 467 calls 77 of which were high risk. Year to date 18.14% of the 1929 calls have been high risk call.
- Through 41.7% of the year the PD has expended 43.48% of its budget.



Old business

- Review status of Action Item Lists
 - No date has been set for the NIMS training for elected officials
 - The Chief has completed the Traffic Control Sign study and it will be reviewed in the July meeting
 - No update on the House Number project
 - Fuels reduction grant application are in process
 - Backup power grant applications are in process
 - Animal Control Issues; plans to address concerns are being developed
 - Family Day Care Compliance; no action
- Emergency Communications Center Training – No update available
- Speed Sign Repair / Relocation to 19th and University - The Chief is waiting to hear from the State regarding the repair/replacement status and allowable relocation points.
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New Business

1. Title XI Chapter 115 Compliance
 - a. Uber is licensed in the City. The driver needs to be registered by the licensee and will be contacted by the City.
2. Title IX Chapter 93.06 Discussion of weather restrictions
 - a. The Committee reviewed the Ordinance regarding open fires and use of fireworks and under what weather conditions these activities are prohibited. The ordinance states that if the Fire Danger for the southern Black Hills is High, Very High or Extreme or if there is a Red Flag Warning, no open fires are allowed and if those conditions exist on July 4th, no allowed fireworks may be discharged.
 - b. As a reminder the fireworks ordinance only allows discharge of permitted fireworks on July 4th from 9 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and;
 - i. Approved fireworks for individual use shall be limited to stationary "cones and fountains" and novelty devices only. No consumer fireworks legally or illegally sold in the State of South Dakota that are thrown, propelled or otherwise travel may be discharged. Additionally, no consumer fireworks that explode or provide a "report" such as, but not limited to, firecrackers, aerial mortars, bottle rockets, skyrockets, and the like may be discharged.

Adjournment: 3:03 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday July 11th at 2:00 p. at the Mueller Center Conference Room.