

**BLUE SPRINGS**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cindy Hood, Chairperson  
Natalie Beltgens, Vice-chairperson- ABSENT  
Jeff Rogers- ABSENT  
Cindy Savel  
Doug Stacer  
Elly Welchert

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Council member Kent Edmondson- Non-Voting- 6:06p.m.  
Student Representative Adam Suskind- Non-Voting  
Chief Robert Muenz- Non-Voting  
Recording Secretary Raquel Stark- Non-Voting

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Hood called the Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board to order at 6:00p.m.

**APPROVE JANUARY BOARD MINUTES:**

Board member Stacer moved to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board meeting. Motion seconded by Board member Savel and carried with the following votes:

Chairperson Hood – AYE	Vice-chairperson Beltgens – ABSENT
Board member Savel– AYE	Board member Welchert - AYE
Board member Stacer – AYE	Board member Rogers– ABSENT

**PSST FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chief Robert Muenz presented the cumulative report regarding The Public Safety Sales Tax monthly financial statement for month ending of 01/31/21.

The 1/2% Public Safety sales tax is imposed on all taxable goods and services within the City limits of Blue Springs and can only be used for public safety purposes. The tax went into effect on October 1, 2011. The detailed budget for the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund can be found on page 84 of the 2020-21 adopted budget. For the month of January, the City received 103% of budgeted revenues and 88% of revenue received last year. For the fiscal year, PSST sales tax revenues are \$164,780 or 14.2% over budget.

Board members has discussion regarding financials. Board member Stacer moved to approve the PSST Financial reports. Motion seconded by Board member Welchert and carried with the following votes:

Chairperson Hood – AYE	Vice-chairperson Beltgens – ABSENT
Board member Savel– AYE	Board member Welchert - AYE
Board member Stacer – AYE	Board member Rogers– ABSENT

**PSST FACILITIES REPORT:**

Chief Muenz gave the PSST Facilities Report regarding the Blue Springs Public Safety Building.

- Gate, doors and cameras discussion. Update: Cable/wiring installation, camera installation and IT closet discussion. Update: Behind the scenes programming. One month completion possibly.
- Brick repair project- Exterior of CYOU. The goal is to stop the leaks that occur into the CYOU offices and down into Property unit. Update: No update at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX GOALS/PROJECTS UPDATES & POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Muenz gave the Public Safety Sales Tax Goals/Projects update Report regarding goals, projects and statistics. He and the board discussed police personnel openings, hiring, resignations, backgrounds, animal control, catalytic converter thefts, COVID- 19 vaccinations, employee assistance program (EAP) for staff, PSCAB city council presentation, diversity training, mental health co-responder, sunshine law training, L-6 retirement discussion, crime over-view, severe crime cases and call/response times for calls.

**RESCHEDULING OF ANNUAL FORUM DISCUSSION**

Board members discussed whether or not to reschedule, postpone or cancel the annual forum that was postponed due to COVID-19 in November regarding Animal Control. The board will revisit discussion at the February 23 meeting. No vote taken. Update: Tabled to March meeting.

**INOPERABLE VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The board discussed the current Blue Springs Codes inoperable vehicle ordinance. Chief Muenz to contact Community Development Director Mike Mallon regarding interpretation/enforcement of Code 245.160.1A.12 and then follow-up with City Attorney Jackie Sommer.

No vote taken.

**WINDOW SCREEN IDEA FOR NORTH LOBBY DISCUSSION**

Chief Muenz presented to the board an idea to have a window screen placed on the north side of the Howard L. Public Safety Board. The window screen would be an image of a waving American flag with the word POLICE on it. Board members liked the idea. Chief Muenz will proceed thru necessary channels for funding and approval. No vote taken. Update: Chief will speak with Assistant City Administrator Christine Cates and contact the Downtown Review board.

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING:**

Chairperson Hood opened the floor for requests for items to be discussed at next meeting. No Board members had requests.

**VISITORS AND AUDIENCE PRESENTATION/QUESTIONS:**

N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE EVENTS:**

**PSCAB MEETING- Tuesday, March 23, 2021@ 6:00 pm**

*Public Telephone Conference*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:52pm there was no further business to come before the board. Board member Stacer moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Board member Welchert and carried unanimously.

*Cindy Hood*  
Cindy Hood, Chairperson