

BLUE SPRINGS
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
6:00p.m.

Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building - 1100 SW Smith Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roy Boyd, Chairperson- Absent
Doug Stacer, Vice-chairperson- Acting Chairperson
Carman Booker- Absent
Matt Calhoun
Allan Greene
Elly Welchert

ALSO PRESENT:

Council member Ron Fowler- Non-Voting
Student Representative- Non-Voting- Maggie Boley
Chief Robert Muenz- Non-Voting
Recording Secretary Raquel Stark- Non-Voting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES:

Board member Greene moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board meeting. Motion seconded by Board member Welchert and carried with the following votes:

Chairperson Boyd- ABSENT	Vice-chairperson Stacer – AYE
Board member Booker- ABSENT	Board member Calhoun- AYE
Board member Greene – AYE	Board member Welchert- AYE

VISITOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING:

N/A

PSST FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chief Muenz presented the financial reports regarding The Public Safety Sales Tax monthly financial statements for month ending December 31, 2022.

"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 83 of the 2022-23 adopted budget. For the month of December, the City received 102% budgeted revenues and 105% of revenue received last year. For the fiscal year, PSST sales tax revenues are \$105,708 or 10.1% over budget."

Board members had discussion regarding financials, funding and approved purchases. Board member Welchert moved to approve the PSST Financial report. Motion seconded by Board member Calhoun and carried with the following votes:



Chairperson Boyd - ABSENT
Board member Booker - ABSENT
Board member Greene - AYE

Vice-chairperson Stacer - AYE
Board member Calhoun - AYE
Board member Welchert- AYE

PSST FACILITIES REPORT:

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

- Door and camera security system upgrade- Items are on the way. As soon as they arrive, scheduling will occur.

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

The board discussed the 48th quarterly report, police academy graduation, vacancies, hiring, interviews, Department of Defense Skillbridge military intern program, staff, Super Bowl and draft assignments and the crime-overview report.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF TOW FEES WHEN A VEHICLE OWNER IS PRESENT

Board discussed the towing ordinance, specifically related to the "Drop" fee \$75.00. After some discussion the board agreed that no more than \$100.00 be charged as a "Drop" fee and approved the motion below. They did not want to raise the overall fee from \$150.00 for towing.

Board member Calhoun moved to recommend to the City Administrator and the City Council that the appropriate section within municipal code Section 630.360 be amended to allow the maximum rate of \$100.00 fee for tow service when the owner is present and capable of removing the vehicle before it is removed by tow, pending city attorney review of state statutes for any conflicts and proper amendment language. Motion seconded by Board member Welchert and carried with the following votes:

Chairperson Boyd - ABSENT
Board member Booker - ABSENT
Board member Greene - AYE

Vice-chairperson Stacer - AYE
Board member Calhoun - AYE
Board member Welchert- AYE



PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS POLICE FORUM- TOPIC IDEAS

Chief Muenz and board discussed possible 2023 Annual Public Forum topic ideas.

CRIME LEVEL VS STAFFING LEVELS- CALLS FOR SERVICE WITH FIELDHOUSE SPECIFICALLY

Chief Muenz and board discussed 2022 Fieldhouse calls for service, minimum staffing/becoming critical, possibility of mandatory overtime, city growth and national average population for Midwest.

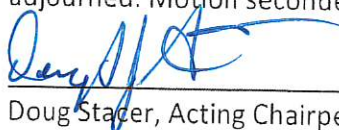
REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING:

Acting Chairperson Stacer opened the floor for requests for items to be discussed at next meeting.

- Animal control responsibilities regarding wildlife (raccoons)

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to come before the board. Board member Greene moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Board member Calhoun and carried unanimously.



Doug Stacer, Acting Chairperson

information telephone number by which the owner of the abandoned property or property parked in a restricted or assigned area may call to receive information regarding the location of such owner's property;

2. The abandoned property is left unattended on owner-occupied residential property with four (4) residential units or less, and the owner, lessee or agent of the real property in lawful possession has notified the appropriate law enforcement agency, and ten (10) hours have elapsed since that notification; or
3. The abandoned property is left unattended on private property, and the owner, lessee or agent of the real property in lawful possession of real property has notified the appropriate law enforcement agency, and ninety-six (96) hours have elapsed since that notification.

D. Towing And Storage Fees And Regulations.

1. The maximum fees that may be charged for the towing of motor vehicles and for the storage and, when specifically authorized by this Section, the retrieval of such towed vehicles are as follows:

- a. For the towing of a motor vehicle, the maximum fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00);
- b. For the storage of a towed motor vehicle, the maximum fee for each twenty-four (24) hour period of storage, or portion thereof, shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00); and
- c. For the retrieval of a towed motor vehicle during hours other than 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Saturday and Sunday, the maximum fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A retrieval fee may not be charged for the retrieval of a towed motor vehicle during the hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Saturday and Sunday.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to charge a towing fee, storage fee or retrieval fee that exceeds the fees established by Subsection **(D)(1)** above.

3. If the owner of a motor vehicle is present and capable of removing the vehicle before it is removed by a tow vehicle operator, the vehicle shall not be towed; provided that in such an event, the owner of the vehicle shall be liable for a reasonable fee, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the regular towing fee, in lieu of towing, payable to the tow vehicle operator. This fee shall only apply if the tow truck is attached to the offending vehicle and the offending vehicle has been lifted so at least two (2) of the tires are off the ground and is still on the lot.

4. Except for the removal of motor vehicles authorized by a law enforcement agency, a towing company shall not remove or commence the removal of motor vehicles from private property without first obtaining written authorization from the property owner or lessee, or property or security manager thereof, who must be present at the time of removal or commencement of the removal and who, if a property or security manager, must be a full-time employee of the business entity involved as owner or