



Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
June 20, 2023

3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee’s Summit, Missouri

3:20 p.m. Interim Chairman Pryde called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order.

ROLL CALL:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Staff Present, and Guests. Lists board members and their attendance status, along with staff and guests.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

Board member Ken Davis advised that the May PSAB minutes said the gentleman in the Historical Society display at the LSPD was his grandfather and not his great grandfather. Correction made to the May minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Ken Davis motioned for approval, Bill Morrow seconded the motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the corrected May minutes was made by Interim Chairman James Pryde, all “ayes” approving the minutes.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety –

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department –Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden

Brad Faulkner passed away while on vacation with his family. He was at his son's sporting event when he collapsed. He was with the Lee's Summit Fire Department for 19 years. Funeral services will be held on September 23rd due to another son being involved in an accident just 2 weeks prior.

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Manly will be celebrating his 40-year work anniversary soon.

Two new Communication Specialists will begin July 10th.

Stations 4 & 5 – Station 5 framework is up. Station 4's steel is up and will be completed next week.

Switching over reporting system. System going live in Zuercher, CAD, & also record management systems. Starting on the 2024 budget process. The second reading will be tonight in council.

June 8th there was a drill involving the LSR7 school district. Reunifying people after a tragic event was the goal. Kids were transferred to Bernard Middle School. Good experience and learning opportunity for all.

Regarding apparatus, 9 pumpers have been ordered. Should receive them some time in the 1st quarter of 2025. Platform ladder trucks require many months of training. Has 100ft ladder with a platform and goes to -18 degrees. Cost = 2 million over, if purchased now.

Interim chairman Pryde asked if there is a risk of a lot of tech change? Not always. Could be when/if the FD transitions to electric vehicles.

August 15 Engineering class begins. Seven paramedics will start training and will be coming on board in a year.

Guns and Hoses will be Saturday with Bout #1 having a LSF fighting.

Board member Mark Leetch asked if the FD had received any suggestions regarding signage for Stations 4 & 5 since there was none. Assistant Fire Chief Eden advised he was not aware of any.

PSST – burn tower approved by City Council will be going to Station #7. Will have live fire drills. Two new boats, both with pumps, will be delivered at some point, to stations 4 & 5. Board member Ken Davis asked if Station 6 had a boat. Assistant Fire Chief Eden stated they did not. One boat will be improved with Garmin.

June 23rd fireworks tents open. Seventeen tents total are authorized to open. Only days allowed to discharge fireworks are on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Inspections of all tents are completed the day they open and everyday thereafter. Police department will enforce the fireworks ordinance.

Interim Chairman Pryde asked if there were time limits of when fireworks are discharged. The times allowed are as follows: July 2nd 10 pm – 11 pm, July 3rd 10 pm – 11 pm, and July 4th 10 pm – midnight.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

CIT vehicle working in close partnership with ReDiscover. Working on Safe Passage with them again. Turn drugs in and take them to rehab. With the proper resources, there is potential for change to the youth court model.

Downtown Days were challenging. Recovered 4 firearms and 2 replicas. Questions were asked on how to handle in future. Independence Police Department has had the Santa Cali Gon Days carnival fenced in. To enter the carnival area, people have to be screened to be allowed in.

Currently 11 officers down. LSPD has ramped up recruiting. Eight dispatchers down.

The south substation Request for Bids accepted for re-design of old fire station #5.

Looking at installing about 50 license plate readers throughout the city.

Regarding the Lea McKeighan incident, several have been charged and detectives are still working on the case.

Board member Bruce Trammel asked if the LPR's alerted when people had warrants or Amber Alerts. Yes. However, the PD has not gotten to that point with the LPR's.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

No new items for discussion.

Interim Chairman Pryde asked if the weight of electric vehicles would affect the roadways due to the weight of the cars. Yes. They would. PD Chief Forbes advised that the grid would not be able to handle the transition and it would take a long time before implementation.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Assistant Fire Chief Eden congratulated board member Jennifer Nussbeck for receiving the Parade of Hearts Award from MARC. Jennifer Nussbeck advised there were only 40 this year however, next year there will be 150.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Interim Chairman Pryde adjourned meeting at 4:05 pm.