



LEE'S SUMMIT PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING ACTION LETTER
CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI



DATE: March 16, 2021		TIME: 3:00 p.m.	PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom	
ROLL CALL				
Board Members Present:		Board Members Present:	Staff Present:	Other Guests:
Bruce Trammell, Chairperson		X	Fire Chief, Mike Snider	Dale Coy
James Pryde		X	Asst. Fire Chief, Jim Eden	
Kenneth Davis		X	Police Chief Travis Forbes	
Jennifer Nussbeck		Absent	Chief Counsel – Civil Law – Beth Murano	
Fred Pickard		Audio Only	Major Curtis Mansell, LSPD	
Neil Ullery, Vice Chairperson		X		
Fred Delibero		X		
Bill Morrow		X		
Ken Carter		Absent		
Fred DeMoro, City Council Liaison		X		
PUBLIC COMMENTS				
None				
BOARD COMMENTS				
Chairperson Bruce Trammell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.				
APPROVAL OF AGENDA				
Chairperson Trammell requested approval of the Agenda. Board Member Kenneth Davis moved to approve the Agenda with an amendment to read Ken instead of Len, with Board Member Fred Delibero seconding the motion. The Agenda was approved with no one opposed as amended.				
AGENDA ITEMS:		DISCUSSIONS		CONCLUSIONS
None				
APPROVAL OF MINUTES				
Chairman Trammell requested approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2021 virtual meeting. Board Member Kenneth Davis moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Fred Delibero seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no one opposed.				
COMMITTEE REPORTS				
Animal Control-Neil Ullery		None		
Miscellaneous Issues: Fred Pickard		None		
Ordinance Review-James Pryde		None		
Tow Committee- Fred Pickard, Kenneth Davis, Jim Pryde		None		
Traffic Safety- Jim Pryde and Jennifer Nussbeck		None		



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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Liaison Fred DeMoro gave a brief account of the April 6, 2021 item on the ballot. He stated that the Property Tax rate is currently 1.4563 per \$100.00. It is asking that we can transfer it from debt service to the operation general fund with no tax increase. It will go before the Council and requires a simple majority vote. This is the first time the City has done this. Board Member Kenneth Davis stated, so it is 10 cents in and 10 cents out. Board Member James Pryde stated they need it for infrastructure. It opens space on debt service to create space for the future.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Snider stated the Fire Department is Accredited and are currently in the Re-Accreditation period. A presentation to the Council will be on February 23rd. It will last about an hour. Chief Snider stated that anyone is welcome to view the presentation. Chief Snider stated Casey Smith is their Accreditation Manger and is providing the information.

Station 4 (located on Woods Chapel) and Station 5 (located at 150 highway) are being replaced. GLMV Architecture, Lemay, Erickson and Williams Design are being utilized. Construction Management at Risk – interviews have been completed with McCallan Gordman Construction Manager. The time line begins with design and the start time should be Spring 2022. The first quarter of 2023, they should be in the station. Labor Management is bringing in a representative from each Station for their input. Station 5 - the property is still in negotiations. Both stations are in the same time frame.

COVID – It has been one year. The City is in the process of returning to their offices by mid-April. The Federal Government approved another round of funds, 9.2 million for the City of Lee's Summit. This will not be given in a lump sum. The first the City will receive is about 50% and then the rest at a later date. Vaccines have been made available to City employees on multiple occasions. Over 75% of the 155 employees have been fully vaccinated, so 90 to 100 employees.

Assistant Chief Jim Eden presented the statistical report for January and February 2021. (due to the February meeting being cancelled)

He stated that in January there were 845 responses. There was a rise in the number of reported residential structure fires with up to 10 reported. Cold weather was attributed to the rise.

Carbon Monoxide calls went up and ran 24 in February. Natural gas had a number of calls with 12 in February.

There was a sharp change in the water flow alarms, responding to 23

There were 59 citizen assist calls. There was a total of 938 calls.

Board Member Fred Delibero stated he is associated with Summit Homes and their call for service, stating the Fire Department did a great job responding.



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<p>Police Department</p>	<p>Chief Travis Forbes stated he was going to present the License Plate Reader report (LPR), but he discovered an issue and wanted to verify it before he presents the report. He changed the report to the April 20, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Chief Forbes stated that the Police Department is down a number of officers, mainly because of retirements. The Police Department is down 10 officers and 8 dispatchers.</p> <p>The renovations are on schedule. Administration and Court are currently being worked on. There will be a new Community Room/Conference Room. It is now larger and will be accessible off the lobby. The Administrative staff are currently displaced. Officers are still working from the Chipman and Douglas (old Water Department) location. Chief Forbes stated that the Administrative staff will move back in April and then the Investigations Division renovations will begin. The Atrium will become the Records Unit. It will be late Summer or early Fall before all offices will be completed.</p> <p>The Accreditation process will begin in April. It is a 4-year process and we are due. An on-sight is usually done, but will be accomplished virtually because of COVID. They wish to interview a PSAB member and Chief Forbes asked Board Member Kenneth Davis if he would be willing to be interviewed. Board Member Kenneth Davis agreed. This will be done in late April.</p> <p>Negotiations with the Communication Workers of America (dispatchers) are underway as well as sworn officers.</p> <p>Chief Forbes presented the statistics and reminded Board Members that the numbers are not comparable. Crime is down and crashes are up. The department is focusing on 50 Highway and 3rd Street and 50 Highway and Chipman Road. This is where the highest incidents occur. The East Junction of 50 Highway and 291 Highway – work is underway by the City.</p> <p>Board Member Kenneth Davis asked if the LSPD is involved with public gatherings where no masks are being worn. Chief Forbes stated no, masks are being worn. Chief Forbes stated that the Health Department assists in that role.</p> <p>Board Member James Pryde asked about Street Performance. He stated they had a little bit of drag racing at Rhinehart Road and 291 South that we broke up. Chief Forbes stated there has not been too much activity as they move around. Kansas City is trying to shut it down.</p> <p>Board Member Fred Delibero questioned that the department is down 10 officers. Chief Forbes stated all Police Departments are having issues with recruitment. Delibero asked what is full staffing for CMS. Chief Forbes stated that there are usually 3 per shift. We are currently revising the process for training. The stated that the number is close to 20. Major Mansell communicated to Chief Forbes that the number is 18.</p> <p>Board Member Kenneth Davis stated that we are fortunate that the Community does not down us.</p> <p>Chairperson Bruce Trammell asked about the 291 North and 50 Highway location of the Troop A Highway Patrol, and if they are moving and are they modifying that section of land. Chief Forbes stated that there is a lot of attention on the East Junction. City Council Liaison, Fred DeMoro stated that it is complicated. The City needs a partnership with 4 entities.</p> <p>Board Member Kenneth Davis inquired about Chief Forbes' health. Chief Forbes stated that he is back in uniform and was told it would take a year to feel normal.</p>
<p>Public Works</p>	<p>None</p>



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ROUNDTABLE

Board Members DeMoro, Pryde, Davis (wishing everyone a Happy Holiday), Ullery, and Delibero stated they had none.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Kenneth Davis moved to adjourn. Vice Chairman Neil Ullery seconded the motion. Chairperson Bruce Trammell adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.



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