

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO

Public Safety Commission

Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Delano Fire Department – Training Room

1. Call to Order

Chris Keller called the meeting to order at 1913

2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Alejandro Najera, Chris Keller, Kallie Tapie, Jim Anderson, Chris Keller

Also in attendance: ESD Jeff Cielocha, Councilman Jason Franzen, Wright County Sheriff

Sargent Mark Olsen

Approval of the agenda motion made by Alejandro Najera, second by Chris Keller

3. Minutes

a. December 2nd Commission Meeting Minutes (attached)

Motion made by Chris Keller to approve minutes, second by Kallie Tapie.

4. Speakers, Presentations, and Awards

Sargent Olson had no updates pertaining to Delano.

5. Order of Business

a. Event Safety in Delano

Councilman Franzen brought up this concern related to the incident in Germany (Europe) in November and the events in New Orleans and Las Vegas (1/1/25). Franzen suggested the use of jersey barriers to secure different events that happen throughout the city. Chris Keller suggested temporary fencing to help direct foot traffic. Chris Keller made a motion to look into concrete jersey barriers for the smaller city-controlled events, seconded by Alejandro Najera, motion carried. Chris Keller requested to have a 4th of July committee member attend the next PSC meeting. Chris Keller wants to ensure the events are falling

under and abiding by the Wright County ordinance requirements when alcohol is served (reception detail – Sergeant Olson).

Jim Anderson asked who the sheriff's department person is to monitor threats. Sargent Olson said Wright Co. does not have a dedicated person, but there are many resources available to discuss potential threats and actions that can be taken to mitigate the identified risks.

Chris Keller requested to have a DMU representative come to a PSC meeting to discuss Security of critical city infrastructure as it relates to power, gas, and water. Jeff Cielocha will work on this.

b. Security Trailer

Kallie provided an update, and Jeff Cielocha expanded on this item. This trailer has a telescoping pole with 1-3 cameras mounted on the top. The cameras can be programmed through cloud-based software to watch a given area. These trailers can be purchased or leased. Leasing appears to be the best route because of the required upkeep of software and other components that the owner would be responsible for. The PSC is looking into ways to offset the cost of having this trailer in town. More research is being done by the PSC.

c. Fire Chief

Willie Staunton has resigned as fire chief, and Assistant Fire Chief Matt VanLith has assumed the role on an interim basis.

d. Star Lodge #62 Donation

Star Lodge #62 has donated two FST devices to the Delano Fire Department. This is type of portable fire extinguisher that will be carried on C-11 if it is approved by the city council tomorrow (1/7/25) night.

6. Communication and Announcements

a. Next Meeting

i. February 3rd, 2025, at 1900.

b. Agenda items must be in by the deadline, or they will need to be moved to the following month's agenda.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjournment by Chris Keller at 2036, second Jim Anderson. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.