

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Public Safety Commission
Monday, December 2nd, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Delano Fire Department – Training Room

1. Call to Order

Chris Keller called the meeting to order at 1905

2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Casey O'Conner, Kallie Tapie, Alejandro Najera, Greg Keller, Chris Keller

Also in Attendance – Jeff Cielocha, Jason Franzen, Mark Olson

3. Minutes

a. October 7th Commission Meeting Minutes (attached)

Motion made by Chris Keller to accept the minutes, second by Greg Keller

4. Speakers, Presentations, and Awards

a.

5. Order of Business

a. Traffic Concerns

i. Shadywood Lane – Speeding and Speed humps

This was a concern that was brought to Casey O'Conner by a citizen. This complaint is centered around Stahlke Park. The citizen would like to have the speed sign moved in front of the park to do a speed study. Motion made to move the sign in front of the park by Chris Keller, second by Greg Keller, motion carried.

ii. Follow-up discussion on Tiger Dr

Casey O'Connor brought up Tiger Dr for follow-up. Casey's concern is the lack of seeing law enforcement in the area. Sargent Mark Olson updated the

commission on the activity of the Wright Co. Sheriff in the area. There were 18 stops on Tiger Dr over the past 3 months. A motion by Casey O'Conner to research traffic speed mitigation for Tiger Drive, second by Alejandro Najera, all in favor, motion carries.

iii. Elm Ave speed update

Jeff Cielocha updated the commission on the results of the Elm Ave speed study. The reports were produced for the commission, and it was noted that there is no recommendation for any further action.

b. Increased Patrol at Central Park

Casey O'Conner brought up this suggestion due to the recent vandalism and personal experience. Sargent Olson spoke about having law enforcement in the area more often but that it would not happen constantly due to patrolling the rest of the city. Jason Franzen brought up having more cameras in the park during event times. Kallie Tapie will be looking into the cost and reporting back to the commission. Jeff Cielocha will talk to the city about legal issues with recording for safety. Casey O'Conner brought up looking into renting. Greg Keller also stated he would look into the legal aspect of recording.

c. Turnout Gear Purchase

Jeff Cielocha explained turnout gear and the best practices for its care and replacement. Turnout gear has a 10-year life span, barring any significant structural or heat damage. The gear request that went before the city council was a mass buy of five (5) sets due to the fire department reevaluating different turnout gear manufacturers. The fire department intends to purchase another five (5) sets in January to avoid a price increase.

d. OSHA – Emergency Response Standard Update

Jeff Cielocha updated the PSC on where the new Emergency Response Standard is and what the next step in the process was. There were live hearings held (virtually) by OSHA

and many emergency response agencies throughout the U.S. These started on Nov. 12th and continued for two and a half weeks. The next step is for OSHA to review the testimony and decide on its next step. Jason Franzen stated he thought the new presidential administration would reevaluate the standard.

e. Fire Department Study

Jeff Cielocha updated the PSC as to the status of the feasibility and facility study completed by Brunton. Brunton presented to the city council on November 26th with their findings and recommendations for next steps. Currently, the study is with the fire department officers and they will meet on the topic at the end of December.

f. Marijuana Dispensary – Public Safety’s Role

Jason Franzen explained that the State of Minnesota had requirements for dispensary locations. Restrictions are possible on the location of the dispensary. Jason explained where the city is currently at with the ordinance development and the current lawsuit.

6. Communication and Announcements

a. Next Meeting

i. January 6th, 2025, at 1900.

Greg Keller will not be present.

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 made by Chris Keller, Second by Casey O’Conner at 2039, motion carried.