



Hastings

October 19, 2023

Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Dolores Pemble, Melissa Blackstad, Mary Nehring and Theresa Auge`

City Staff: David Wilske Police Chief

The commission met at the Dakota County Jail. Sargent Jake Schak provided an extensive tour of the facility. The group was able to witness the close interaction of agencies. (Hastings Police Department and Dakota County.) Our business meeting followed the tour.

Chair Pemble called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm.

1. A **motion** made by Commissioner Auge` and seconded by Commissioner Blackstad to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A **motion** made by Commissioner Auge` and seconded by Commissioner Blackstad to approve the August 17, 2023, minutes. Motion passed unanimously. (No meeting was held in September.)

Police Update:

- The police department has canceled the Christmas Command Center event.
- Sean Glancey has been hired as a full-time police officer. He has begun his training. That leaves an opening for a Community Service Officer.
- One applicant is currently undergoing a background check for the remaining officer position in the department.
- Chief Wilske attended the International Police Chief conference last week.
- Rivertown Live was not well attended, only 1200. No incidents occurred.
- The Creamery Fire has been assigned a Forensic Electrician. That investigation takes several months to complete.
- SRO position. The new language passed last year has been challenging. As a result, several departments have pulled their SRO position. Hastings has an assigned officer who is well supported. It is hoped that this topic will have continued conversations with legislators.

Fire Update:

- While no Fire staff attended, both Chair Pemble and Chief Wilske said the Fire Open house was well attended.

Old Business:

- **Siren Update.** The chief provided the 4 towers needing a volunteer to report the monthly sirens. They are:

1. Industrial Park Water Tower
2. 1300 Block 23rd St. W
3. 100 Block 17th St W.
4. Nininger Rd/Riverdale Drive.

With the small staff at this meeting, this group will continue to have conversations around this topic.

New Business:

- **Rec/Arts/Police Summer Programs.** The commission discussed if there was a process to cancel events when air quality concerns occur. Since the commission has no responsibility for these programs the conversation ended.
- **Onboarding for incoming PSAC Members.** A **motion** made by Commissioner Blackstad and seconded by Commissioner Nehring to move this topic to our December meeting. Secretary Auge` was directed to send the list of ideas to the chair for distribution with the minutes.

Next Meeting:

November 16th: Secretary Auge` will not be at this meeting.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Nehring and seconded by Commissioner Blackstad. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.