BLUE SPRINGS
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2025
6:00p.m.
Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building - 1100 SW Smith Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Matt Calhoun, Chairperson
Kyle Boyce
Drew Koehler
Michael Kruger
Hayley Prins

ALSO PRESENT:
Council member Katie Tholen- Non-Voting
Student Representative A'Mya Criglar - Non-Voting - ABSENT
Chief Robert Muenz- Non-Voting
Recording Secretary Tammy Kunkel- Non-Voting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Chairperson Calhoun called the Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVE APRIL BOARD MINUTES:
Chairperson Calhoun moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board meeting. Motion seconded by board member Prins and carried with the following votes:

Vice-chairperson Calhoun - AYE
Board member Koehler – AYE
Board member Prins – AYE
Kyle Boyce - AYE
Board member Kruger - AYE

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF BOARD MEMBERS:
Kyle Boyce was welcomed as a new board member.

VISITOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING:
N/A

PSST FINANCIAL REPORT:
Chief Muenz presented the financial reports regarding The Public Safety Sales Tax monthly financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2025.

The 1/2% Public Safety sales tax is imposed on all taxable goods and services within the City limits of Blue Springs and can only be used for public safety purposes. The tax went into effect on October 1, 2011. The detailed budget for the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund can be found on page 87 of the 2024-25 adopted budget. For the month of April, the City received 92% budgeted revenues and 88% of revenue received last year. For the fiscal year, PSST sales tax revenues are $116,408 or 4.1% over budget.

Board members had discussion regarding financials. Chairperson Calhoun moved to approve the PSST Financial report. Motion seconded by Board member Prins and carried with the following votes:

Chairperson Calhoun - AYE
Board member Koehler – AYE
Board member Prins – AYE
Board member Boyce - AYE
Board member Krueger - AYE

PSST FACILITIES REPORT:
Chief Muenz gave the PSST Facilities Report regarding the Blue Springs Public Safety Building.

The HVAC system chiller continues to be an issue. It is still working at half capacity and what was thought to be fixed was not fixed. Parks Maintenance has been in contact with the vendor about replacement. The plan at this point is to continue to keep the chiller operating as long as possible while a replacement is ordered. The replacement chiller will be covered under warranty, but some electrical and crane cost to install it will not be covered. The chiller will take about 6 months to build when ordered.

A contractor has been selected and approved to repair the cracked and settled concrete on the southeast corner of the fountain/flagpole area and add two concrete walkways. One walkway by the mobile command vehicle and one by the north walk-through gate. The repair is needed by the fountain not only to address the settling but to gain access to electrical under the cement. It has been determined that lights near the flagpole area are not functioning due to an unknown problem under the concrete. An electrician will be used to make those repairs for a separate cost prior to new concrete being poured.

The bollards in the front of the building are crumbling and will need to be repaired as well but will need to be funded in a future budget. The estimated cost to repair the bollards is approximately $9000.00.

Funds in the amount of $7000.00 have been requested in the next fiscal year to repair/lift the concrete outside the Community Services Bureau entrance and the south employee entrance.

PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX GOALS/PROJECTS UPDATES & POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:
The board discussed the 56th quarterly report, vacancies, new hires, response times and the crime-overview report.

ANNUAL FORUM DISCUSSION:
"Crime in Your Community – A Discussion for a Safer Blue Springs" was selected as the forum topic scheduled for October 28. Suggestions for involving the public, this included inviting HOA reps, recording the meeting and putting on Facebook and YouTube and getting questions from citizens prior to the forum.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:
Chief Muenz discussed and provided information about requested capital improvement items.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING:
Christine Cates will attend the June meeting to explain the PSST funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to come before the board. Chairperson Calhoun moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Board member Prins and carried unanimously.

Matt Calhoun, Chairperson

Attest: Tammy Kunkel, Recording Secretary