

Police Committee Meeting
On December 10, 2024
At 4:30 pm
At City Hall

Present: Monte Talkington, Bob Somervold, Pam Somervold, Larry Schmaltz, Randy Schmidt, Clint Haffner, Jason Lafayette

For the record and for those of you in the audience, we have just convened a meeting of the Police Committee for the City of Belle Fourche. Today's date is December 10, 2024. Anyone who wishes to address the Committee should request acknowledgement through the Chairman.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Motion B. Somervold, Second P. Somervold to adopt the agenda at 4:30 pm. Motion Carried.
3. Public Discussion items:
4. Chief's Report
 - YTD Blotter: See attached
5. Code Enforcement Report:
 - See attached
6. Informational:
7. Motion Bob Somervold, Second P. Somervold to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 pm. Motion carried.



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BFPD December 2024 Blotter

As of December 10th, 2024, this the Belle Fourche Police Department has responded to 10,166 Calls for Service and generated 706 Case Reports.

602- Crimes against people calls
107 domestic violence
292- Crimes against property
211- Welfare/Mental Health Related Calls
3498- Traffic stops/Complaints
186- Vehicle Crashes
228- 911 Unfounded Abandoned
70- DUI Arrests
58-Drug Arrests
857-Citations
208-Arrests

Code Enforcement

1001- calls for service

Note: The police blotter is updated monthly and is calls for service reported by police. Calls for service are assignments given to law enforcement and first responders that require law enforcement presence, correction, and/or assistance in a particular situation.

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Snow removal---city hall, pd, library, landfill, rec center, museum, court house, county admin building. Pioneer, newsletter in December and Code Red. Before and after pics from 2024. Approximately 69 miles of sidewalk—usually takes to 2 to 3 days to clear—billing starts after they are all cleared. This has been well advertised since 2017 and will post in Beacon sometime in the next month. Will continue with Elderly and physically unable

Trailer courts-went thru courts, some of the courts received a letter, 2 courts that I want to talk about are the NOV at 314 summit and Plainsview by North Cenex. 314 Summit NOV and they are working on the issues and Plainsview has shown little to no improvement this year since the license was suspended in January 2024.

1010 State NOV---documentation has been sent to Kellen, next step is to get documentation to the Judge and wait for a default judgement. After we receive default judgement, clean up will begin—estimate right now on clean up is 2 to 4000. The building is leaking water and is full of mice including in the walls, my recommendation is to start planning for demolition of the property. Building was condemned in 2019.

215 6th avenue—owner of property is working on it- 5 pickup loads have been taken off property. –approximately one load left.

Letter to **922 state street**. Violation of CUP(was issued in 2020 and been out of compliance since issued) –trucks blocking sidewalk on bike path.

Festival of trees—Thank you to David Prozeller for volunteering his time, truck and trailer to help deliver Xmas trees on December 4.

Animal pound—We have had a good year at the animal pound, fewer dogs getting picked up and appears dog owners are doing better. However, the cats are a much bigger problem—due to the cat population and lack of spay and neuter the cat population continues to explode. The animal pound continues to deal with a huge volume of cats and only has a very limited amount of room—especially in the spring when kittens are born and they fill

the pound. I always have a waiting list and am constantly managing traps that cost about \$100—along with use for all the skunks and raccoons. Vet clinics do not put down healthy cats and it stands against everything they believe in.

Due to the history of cats in belle Fourche in many cases the cat owner will not pick up their cat if a fee is charged and makes it near impossible to adopt stray cats—this fills the animal pound and prevents us from helping other cats in need and will displace cats from their home. After 72 hours at the pound, the animal becomes property of the animal pound.

If we start charging fees for the cats—we will need a bigger animal pound and will need more people to adopt cats—this simply will stop the trapping of cats. Again the current animal pound has limitations and we are in danger of losing this animal pound. The current contract for the pound requires 2 cages for cats and we currently help many more with the building that we have.

Heat the PD