

Blue Lake Public Safety Commission  
June 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00PM

**1. Quorum Established:**

Commissioners in Attendance: Crews, Nava, Warvi

Commissioners Absent: Dickinson, Nickerson

Council Liaison in Attendance: Scafani

**2. Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented:**

Motion: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

Motion Summary: Consensus

**3. Public Comment:**

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on parking at the river and mountain biking trails at the end of Hatchery Road; states he is working with Green Diamond to make parking available.

**4. Approval of March 4, 2024 and April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve the Minutes as Presented

Motion: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

Motion Summary: Consensus

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on meeting minutes be prepared and presented timely.

**5. Annual Meeting Discussion:**

Commission Crews states there is nothing additional to report at this time; additional information will be forthcoming as the event planning continues.

Councilmember Scafani: Asks Commissioner Crews if a date has been identified.

Commissioner Crews: States that a date has not been identified yet.

**6. Humboldt County Sheriff Call Data Review:**

Commissioner Dickinson was not available to report on the data; City Manager Mager states that the data does not present any concerns or trends.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: States that he tracks the calls also; didn't see any trends; recommends mapping the data.

Commissioner Crews: States that the data is already mapped through the Sheriff's Citizen RIMS Program and is available to the public.

## **7. Agency and Staff Check-In:**

- Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department:

Captain Flores presents the department's call data; states that 40% of calls are cancelled.

Councilmember Scafani asks how quick the department gets cancelled.

Captain Flores states that it depends on the call

- Humboldt County Sheriff

No Sheriff Department representative in attendance.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Questions the fire calls; asks if there were any structure fire calls. States that he is the Executive Director of the Humboldt County Taxpayer's League and supports an inflationary increase to the fire tax and can get his board to support an increase.

Councilmember Scafani: Comments on the status of the Sheriff contract.

## **Staff Report:**

City Manager Mager provides an update on City projects, including the installation of the new laterals on Greenwood, the truck route project, the bike park, town square and the sports complex concept.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on the fencing at the former Blue Lake Power Plant.

## **8. Future Agenda Items:**

- Annual Meeting Planning
- Meeting Minutes
- Hatchery Road Parking

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on mini-roundabouts and the proposed stop signs on I Street.

## **9. Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

Motion Summary: Consensus