RIVERTON CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

The Riverton City Law Enforcement Service Area Board convened at 5:58 p.m. in the Riverton City Municipal Building, 12830 South 1700 West, Riverton Utah.

Present:	**Staff:**
Chair Staggs - Excused	Don Hutson, Police Chief
Board Member Troy McDougal	Virginia Loader, Clerk
Board Member Tawnee McCay	Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Board Member Tish Buroker	Kevin Hicks, Finance Director
Board Member Claude Wells	Casey Saxton, Communications Dir.
Board Member Sheldon Stewart	David R. Brickey, City Manager
	Sheril Garn, Parks & Public Services Dir.
	Trace Robinson, Public Works Director
	Jason Lethbridge, Dev. Services Dir.
	Wade Watkins, UFA Battalion Chief

1. Call To Order

Mayor Pro Tempore Sheldon Stewart called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion/Action Items

a. Riverton Police Department Report

Chief Hutson reported that July brought summer heat and a continuation of modified operations due to the spread of COVID-19. He said their School Resource Officers continued to augment patrol and implemented innovative crime prevention programs aimed at the reduction of vehicle burglaries at some of the retail establishments. This was accomplished by creating a windshield tag to remind citizens to lock their car doors and not leave valuable items in plain view. Additionally, contact was made with the businesses and public service announcements were placed inside the establishments to remind patrons.

Chief Hutson reported that their total calls for service rivaled last year's July numbers as the month with the highest number of calls for service, which indicated that citizens were getting accustomed to life during COVID-19 and were not hesitating to call the police. He said he was encouraged by the dramatic drop in domestic violence calls during the month as they were consistently averaging more than 30 calls per month and they dropped to 17 in July.

Chief Hutson reported that the South Valley S.W.A.T. Team participated in a very high-profile event that happened in South Jordan, where a mentally disturbed subject barricaded himself in his home after making terroristic threats. When the team attempted to arrest the subject, he opened fire on the armored vehicles housing the team members. Additionally, the suspect had enough explosives in the house to destroy a city block. He said the professionalism and restraint displayed by the multi-jurisdictional S.W.A.T. Team to safely resolve that situation without firing a shot could only be described as heroic.

Discussion was then held regarding shared services/resources with Herriman, South Jordan and Riverton Police Departments. He said there were a lot of resources available to the Riverton Police Department (RPD). He said there was full transparency at the RPD and the Board Members were welcome to visit the RPD at any time to review their operations. He said he was very frugal and he always looked for opportunities to save money for the residents.

Board Member McDougal expressed his appreciation to the RPD for the constant movement of speed boards throughout the City. He then mentioned regulations for ATV's and Golf Carts and Chief Hutson said he had included educational information regarding ATV's and Golf Carts in the latest City newsletter.

Board Member Buroker spoke of transparency, S.W.A.T. and shared services for major incidents.

Board Member McCay expressed appreciation for the work of the RPD. She requested that, with High School starting, the RPD closely monitor the local vape shops. Chief Hutson spoke of updates to the Code of Ordinances regarding vape shops that provide positive impacts to the City.

b. RLESA Financials Update

Kevin Hicks, Finance Director, presented and reviewed a financial update for RLESA for the period ending July 31, 2020. Mr. Hicks then addressed questions from Board Members.

c. Minutes: RLESA 07-21-20

Board Member McDougal **MOVED to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2020**. The motion was **SECONDED** by Board Member Wells. Vote on motion: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Board Member McDougal **MOVED to adjourn the RLESA Meeting at 6:15 p.m.** The motion was **SECONDED** by Board Member McCay and it passed unanimously.

Approved: RLESA 09-15-20