

MINUTES OF BASTROP YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 9, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street in Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Brendi Lyles, Ambrose Kepetanis, Benjamin Zhu, Michael Svetlik, Arwyn Ayala, Venus Gonzales Vega, Gabriella Lozano, Isaiah Molina, Joel Briones, Merriquer Deschamault, Debora Acosta, Chris White, and Candice Butts.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** At 5:32pm and there was a quorum present.
- 2. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** No citizen comments.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting is March 16,2023; we will meet at city hall. Ben discussed the lack of 3 members not being in the group chat, and making another group chat.
- 4. REPORTS:** None.
- 5. PRESENTATIONS:**

5A. Receive presentation from Interim Chief of Police Vicky Steffanic on the City of Bastrop Police Department: Chief Steffanic briefly went over the detectives, and the people who are in the City of Bastrop police department. She also went over the civilian staff and talked about the education and the hours that her employees have received. She also talked about that most of her staff is around the age of 20 years old. Her law enforcement has a 19% which is high due to police being typically a male dominated field. Chief Steffanic showed us the percentages on tickets, investigations, and crashes. Chief Steffanic went into detail about the criminal investigation division. The detectives are on call on a rotating basis. And more than one will be called, or more than one will be on call. Which is dependent on the severity of the crime. Chief Steffanic went into detail about 84 active open investigations is an average for the criminal investigations division. Sgt. Charles Sanford is in charge of the community resources department. Chief Steffanic discussed the citizens police academy. She also discussed the price each officer carries which is about 150,000. She talked about the process that she has for her patrol officers. Then, Chief Steffanic discussed the statistics of crimes, arson rates have increased in the last couple of years. The police department is small, close together, and loves to be close to the community.

5B. Receive presentation from Fire Chief Andres Rosales on the City of Bastrop Fire Department: Chief Andres Rosales has been with the City of Bastrop since 2007. Chief Rosales discussed that the Fire Department has only been a paid Fire Department for 3 years. The Fire Department trusts the volunteers extremely well, and they are always accepting volunteers. Station #2 was built in 2002 with a cooperative grant between the city of Bastrop VFD Inc. and LCRA. The majority of what the Fire Department does is motor vehicle accidents. The type of work that the Fire Department does is EMS, fire prevention, motor vehicle accidents, special operations, fire suppression (5% of what they do), wildland fires, emergency management (response plans, recovery, response, preparedness, mitigation). Chief

Rosales talked about how they changed their patch, and 3 years ago they got a new engine truck. NFPA 1710-1st alarm, has a standard on what to do if there's a fire. Chief Rosales went into detail about the 2022 call statistics, and Fridays are typically the busiest. Then, the Chief went into 2022 incident statistics, and how much money the firefighter equipment is worth, which is almost 10,000. Chief Rosales went into detail about the outfit that a firefighter has to wear. The fire department checks the school every 2 years, and fire inspection that they have to go through out Bastrop. The Fire Department works 48 hours and are off for 96 hours. The only requirement is to be 18 years old and to have a GED. As a volunteer, you have to complete certain tasks, such as pulling a 200- pound dummy off of a tower, which is intended to test your stress levels.

6. WORKSHOP:

6A: 2022-2023 Youth Advisory Council Project: The Youth Advisory Council talked about focusing the 2022-2023 project around assisting with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, working with Terry Moore the City's Recreation Manage. Candice Butts mentioned that she can bring Terry Moore to the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Individual Consideration: Joel Briones made the motion for the December and January Minutes, and Arywn seconded the motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 7:06pm without any objection.

APPROVED:

Benjamin Zhu, President

ATTEST:

Candice Butts, Main Street Manager