



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 20, 2025
TO: Scott Dixon, City Administrator
FROM: Jim Kohler, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: February 2025 Monthly

Grants

We have completed rifle armor grant, Lone Star Grant for overtime and equipment, Stonegraden grant for overtime, working on grants for drug tester in the field at approximately 34k, working on a grant for a new generator for the PD. UPDATE: Generator grant completed. Also completed grant for small camera for Code Compliance through AACOG

Emergency Management

Nothing to report.

Internal Happenings

I have been working with code compliance on abandoned vehicles within the city and have identified approximately 25 different locations that may have an issue.

We are working on 501 London st. and a roll off dumpster will be delivered in March.

Preparing and researching data for a new police facility in the future.

We are looking into Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and are working on a 90 day trial period. There would be 4 cameras on this trial, 2 at each end of the city which would capture all vehicle license plates entering and exiting our city. We would have an app on our IPADS and phones which would alert the officer of a stolen vehicle. This would also help us if we had a crime at a given time to search a vehicle that has entered the city about the same time. The search engine on this is incredible. Recently, we had a theft from the Chevrolet dealership and had a vehicle description of a black Dodge dually. You can enter black Dodge dually and it will pull all matching video- you can add black Dodge dually with tires in the bed of the truck and it will give you that detailed information. The downside to this is that it is \$3000.00 annually for each camera; however, if a camera breaks they fix it at no charge to the city. The

system will also allow other cameras from a business to be added. The company Flock can do a presentation to the CC. **still in the process.** We will be drafting a policy on LPR this month. Had phone call January 2025 with FLOCK. TxDOT is a big hurdle. **UPDATE: still waiting on TxDOT.**

We are in the process of a full inventory to the property room. **Update: On-going**

Chief Kohler attended the quarterly board meeting for the Texas Police Chief's Association and attended the Chief's day at the state capital.

Officer Lopez attended the firearms instructor course- 1 week. **Completed**

Had several Officers attend "Active Shooter" training. **Completed**

Sgt. Knutson attended the Texas Police Chief's Leadership Series- **Completed**

Finally, we are going to allow officers to wear cowboy hats as many of them have expressed interest on wearing them. **On-going**

For the future: Chief Kohler will be attending the annual Texas Police Chief's Conference April 13-17,2025. As region 7 director I will be attending our quarterly meeting on April 14,2025.