

MINUTES

City of Mankato Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)



January 27, 2026
6pm
Public Safety Center

Members Present: Lynn Butcher, Richard Grace, Matthew Loeslie, Wendy Schuh

Staff Present: Director Jeremy Clifton, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Bengtson, Deputy Police Chief Chris Baukol, Administrative Assistant Jamie Goodrich

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.**

The Mankato Land Acknowledgment was read.

Meeting Agenda Approved:

Meeting agenda for the **January 27, 2026**, PSAC meeting was approved. Motion was made by Lynn Butcher, second by Richard Grace.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Meeting minutes for the **September 23, 2025**, PSAC meeting were approved. Motion was made by Lynn Butcher, second by Richard Grace.

Reports from PSAC members present:

None

Appearances and Recognition:

Medical Intervention Awards were presented to Police Sergeant Huettl, Police Officer Gelle and Firefighters Frame and Csizmadia

Open meeting discussion:

None

General Updates:

- ICE. Mankato Public Safety is unaware of DHS operations and does not receive notice of their visits to Mankato. Mankato Public Safety's policy relating to immigration and interacting with federal immigration officials can be found on the City of Mankato's webpage. All recent protests relating to ICE have been peaceful and law abiding and have not required our intervention.

- New Equipment. Mankato Public Safety has recently purchased a Mobile Command Center to be utilized by both police and fire divisions. A new air truck for the fire department has also been purchased to replace the older air truck currently in service. The new air truck increases the capability to provide air supply for firefighters during emergencies.
- Hiring. Introduction of Deputy Chief of Police, Chris Baukol. Employment opportunities at this time include hiring for a crime analyst and police officers. Commander and sergeant promotional opportunities are in progress due to the upcoming retirement of a commander.
- Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras. The City's webpage outlines ALPR camera locations. Mankato Public Safety undergoes external audits to ensure compliance with policies.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Next Meeting Date:

March 31, 2026

Meeting adjourned at **7:10 p.m.**