



# City of Elkins Public Safety Committee Meeting

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March 2, 2026

2:30 PM

Phil Gainer Community Center  
142 Robert E. Lee Ave. Ext.

**Charter Authority of the Public Safety Committee:** Monitor and report to council on the activities of, condition of and proposed plans for municipal public safety assets, including police, fire, and emergency services. Review and propose to Council capital investment in public safety equipment and infrastructure.

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Minutes**
  - a. Proposed minutes for the meeting of December 1, 2025
4. **Reports**
5. **New Business**
  - a. Fire Department wall structural issue
  - b. Next phase of DLAP-funded demolitions
  - c. Update on Public Safety Camera System
6. **Announcements**
7. **Adjournment**



## CITY OF ELKINS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 2, 2026
<b>Section:</b>	Minutes
<b>Category:</b>	Action Item
<b>Agenda Item Name:</b>	Proposed minutes for the meeting of December 1, 2025
<b>Recommended By:</b>	City Clerk
<b>Summary:</b>	Minutes proposed for the referenced meeting
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	n/a
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Consider for approval
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Public Safety Committee - 2025_12_01 - minutes_proposed

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*Phil Gainer Community Center  
142 Robert E. Lee Ave. Ext.  
December 1, 2025  
2:30 p.m.*

Present were members: M. Hinchman (chair), and C. Kerns

Counselor Plishka was absent.

Also present were Mike Kesecker (operations manager), Steve Himes (fire chief), Travis Bennett (police chief), Jessie Kittle (code enforcement), Sutton Stokes (city clerk), and Mikayla Goins (executive secretary).

## **MINUTES**

Kerns **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025.** The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Update on Public Safety Camera System**

The Committee received an update on the Public Safety Camera System.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Name & Title

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Signature



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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 2, 2026
<b>Section:</b>	New Business
<b>Category:</b>	Presentation
<b>Agenda Item Name:</b>	Fire Department wall structural issue
<b>Recommended By:</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Summary:</b>	The Fire Chief will brief the Committee on an ongoing structural issue affecting the rear wall of the Fire Department building.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	TBD
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action requested at this time
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. EFD Wall Issue Memo - 2026_01_09

January 9, 2026

TO: Municipal Properties Committee

A brief overview of Agenda Item E. for the January 12 meeting. In 2016, when the fire department roof was replaced, it was noted at that time by Fire Chief Meader and the architect of the damage to the exterior wall. It was presumed at that time that the old roof which was foam and the protective membrane that was deteriorating caused water to seep down into the blocks, where it settled, eventually froze, and caused damage. It was decided at that point, that it was not critical and would need attention later.

This issue is something that I have documented in each annual report I have previously provided, after assuming the role of Fire Chief. I have contacted several masonry contractors to evaluate the situation and requested that they offer a solution. For nearly 3 years, some have looked but nothing substantial has been received.

After final inspection of the MegaCorp building, I spoke with the Vice President of Commercial Builders, who on that day, came to the FD and over a few hours, evaluated the situation. We have had some conversations, both with requests for contact from myself and the Operations Manager. We are currently waiting for an estimate.

What I am requesting from the committee is some guidance. What are the thresholds related to bidding of the project. Is it different for construction versus repair? Due to the difficulty of finding contractors to even express interest, what happens when we cannot get a second bid if we get to that point? In very simple terms, I want the following questions answered:

1. Is the wall structurally sound or is it in danger of collapse?
2. If so, when can we start repair?
3. How much is said repair going to cost?
4. Financial planning to pay for said repair.

See the attached photos.













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<b>Category:</b>	Presentation
<b>Agenda Item Name:</b>	Next phase of DLAP-funded demolitions
<b>Recommended By:</b>	Operations Manager
<b>Summary:</b>	The Code Enforcement Officer will update the committee on the next phase of DLAP-funded demolitions.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	TBD
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Review presented information
<b>Attachments:</b>	None



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<b>Category:</b>	Presentation
<b>Agenda Item Name:</b>	Update on Public Safety Camera System
<b>Recommended By:</b>	Police Chief
<b>Summary:</b>	The Police Chief will brief the Committee on the status of the Public Safety Camera System implementation.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	n/a
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Review presented information
<b>Attachments:</b>	None