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ORDINANCE 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO OPERATE AND SERVE THE CITY OF PLEASANT PLAINS ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Plains has determined that it is in the best interest of the city and its residents to establish a full-time law enforcement agency to protect and to serve the city; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-52-102 authorizes an Incorporated Town Police Department and provide law enforcement services for the town that will most effectively preserve the peace of the city of the second class, secure the citizens from personal violence, and safeguard their property; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-9-118 requires newly created law enforcement agencies to have a full-time chief of police that reports to the chief executing officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be ordained by the Pleasant Plains City Council, that:

Section 1. Established. The town hereby establishes a Police Department which shall be known as the “Pleasant Plains Police Department” and the duties thereof shall be to maintain police protection and police services within the town of Pleasant Plains.


Section 2. Duties of the Chief. The Police Chief shall be the head of the department and shall be fully responsible for the operation and the equipment of the department. The Police Chief shall be a full-time position. It shall be the duty of the Police Chief to determine all matters in connection with the operation of his department, except the expenditure of Town funds. He shall attend the first Council meeting of the month and make his monthly report to the town council concerning the operation and equipment of the department, and such other matters as shall be determined necessary by ordinance of the Town Council. Other duties shall be such as are fixed by the laws of the state or ordinances of the Town.

Section 3. Makeup of Police Department. The Police Department shall, as reasonably possible by the Town, maintain at least two full-time law enforcement officers and two reserve officers, as defined by the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training, including the Chief of Police.

Section 4. Department Policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Town Council to establish the Policy for the Pleasant Plains Police Department. The Policy shall be reviewed annually.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2023.

APPROVED: 
Kenneth Burns, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Fayla Henderson,
Recorder/Treasurer