

ORDINANCE NO. 96-3

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITS ORGANIZATION AND THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE MAYOR, DEFINITION OF DUTIES AND POWERS OF WHICH IT IS ASSIGNED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS;
City of the Second Class:

That in order to preserve the peace of the City, secure the citizens thereof from personal violence, to safeguard their property from fire and unlawful depredations, the City Council of the City of Pottsville hereby establishes a city police department, to organize it under the general superintendence of the Mayor, and to prescribe its duties and define its powers in such a manner as will most effectually preserve the peace of the City, secure the citizens thereof from personal violence, and safeguard their property from fire and other unlawful depredations as hereinafter set forth;

That a City Police Department is hereby established to become effective and operational as of January 1, 1997, and thereafter, in compliance and directives of the City and Arkansas State Law, with all rights, duties, obligations and benefits, ie. retirement to be established under payroll deductions as established under Arkansas State Law for Cities of the Second Class.

Police Powers Generally: Municipal Police Officers shall have the same police powers within the city limits of Pottsville as is allowed and authorized under Arkansas State Law, Municipal Ordinances and/or State Law and as authorized.

That the Chief of Police in the City of Pottsville shall be appointed or removed by the Mayor unless the Council shall, by two-thirds majority of the total membership of the Council, vote to override the Mayor's action. A.C.A. 14-44-111. A.C.A. 14-51-101 et seq. A.C.A. 14-52-101 et seq.

Duties of chief of Police and Police Officers: It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police and other officers of the Police Department shall be under the direction of the Mayor.

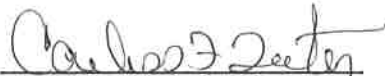
It shall be their duty to: A) Suppress all riots, disturbances, breaches of the peace, enforce the Ordinances of the Municipality and Arkansas State Laws. B) To pursue and arrest any person fleeing from justice in any part of this State and those other duties as defined by A.C.A. 14-52-202.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

An emergency is therefore declared and this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

DATED: 11-15-96

APPROVED: 
Bruce Hawkins, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Carless Teeter,
Recorder, Treasurer