

## City of Bel-Nor

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From: Mayor Anna Vogel

Re: Bel-Nor Policing Contract

On April 5, 2024, it was announced that the Bel-Nor Police would be disbanded, with the final day of operation set for Thursday, April 25, 2024. Following an ordinance passed on April 15, 2024, Bel-Nor engaged in discussions with the St. John Police after thorough deliberations by the Board of Alderpersons. The negotiations concluded successfully with a contract signed, scheduled to take effect at 12:01 am on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

The contract was tailored with Bel-Nor police standards in consideration. Here are the key points from the contract that are of utmost importance to residents:

- A police officer will be dedicated to the City of Bel-Nor in that he or she will maintain a consistent presence at Bel-Nor city hall and will patrol and conduct other law enforcement activities within Bel-Nor on weekdays.
- When the dedicated officer is not in Bel-Nor, routine patrolling will be conducted by other officers throughout the city every 2 hours.
- Police officers will actively engage in meetings, court sessions, and community events.

With the immediate focus on securing contracted police protection for Bel-Nor addressed, the next step involves determining the ultimate disposition or other use of police equipment and vehicles.

A meeting will be arranged to introduce the officers and address any inquiries you may have. We appreciate the questions, comments, and feedback received in the past few weeks.

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