

EMERGENCY SERVICES

May 7, 2015

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Jones
Alderman Moore
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Fire Chief Crews
Jon Wamsley
Police Chief Herpstreith
Alderman Walters

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., he welcomed Rocky Moore to the Emergency Services Committee.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-1,470
- Criminal Cases Filed-90
- Arrests-58
- Traffic Stops-147
- May 10th–May 16th is National Police Memorial Week stating there was a memorial service held today in Springfield and encouraged anyone that hasn't been to one of these services to attend. The Department will be recognizing this event next week also.
- The Police Department is teaming up with a local organization for a lunch program; this program is already funded for civilian and Officer Interaction to build trust with the children.

Police Chief Herpstreith and Fire Chief Crews would like to recognize their officers who responded to a call which involved a young woman who was unconscious and unresponsive in her car with a child. Sergeant Mills was the first to arrive and immediately began CPR; the Fire Department and County Sheriff and County Deputy also responded. They would like to invite Sergeant Mills and all other responders to the June 1st City Council Committee Meeting to be recognized. Fire Chief Crews also plans to invite the young woman and her family to attend.

Chief Herpstreith advised the Department worked closely with the State Fire Marshall's Office on an arson case which resulted in an arrest being made in just one day. He couldn't comment on the particulars of the arson as it is an ongoing case. The Department also assisted the Sheriff's Office a few days ago with a highly violent situation. Sheriff Kettelkamp called for assistance and advised Chief Herpstreith afterwards the Officers did a good job as both departments rely on each other for help when needed. Mayor Brotherton advised he plans to invite Sheriff Kettelkamp to the next City Council Meeting which is May 18th.

He informed the Committee of a situation regarding a disorderly house; he sent a notice to the individuals involved. He also reported on the status of the Fleet stating there have been no major complaints due to the purchase of the new vehicles. There was a problem with two of the four Ford Explorers which was paid for by the dealership to have fixed; he was advised if the other two experience the same problem the dealership will take responsibility for them also as Ford hasn't issued a recall at this time. Some of the remaining older vehicles are having issues but he is waiting on the new budget to address. The Officers like the new vehicles, there is a lot of room and they feel that it is a perfect utility vehicle. Alderman Heberling asked about the new pickup stating he had seen it out on patrol. Chief Herpstreith advised it is out every day, there was an issue with the computer which was fixed and was covered under warranty.

REPLACEMENT OF CURBING IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION

Fire Chief Crews commented on the condition of the curb stating it is only four inches thick and should have been twelve inches; the ladder truck is so long it can't make the turn so the curb is all broken and they don't want the tires on the vehicles to be punctured. He asked the Committee if the funds to fix the curbs came from his budget or elsewhere he has an estimate of \$5,000.00 for the repairs. Chief Crews advised he did not include this in his budget but he had discussed this with Treasurer Nation and she made a note of it, Mayor Brotherton advised the budgets are not all done. The Committee agreed the money should be taken out of the utility tax from all four wards to pay for repairs.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to replace the curbing on Poplar Street to Walnut Street at the Fire Station with the funds coming from the utility tax from all four wards at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

AWARD BID OF SQUAD 1

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to accept the bid of \$42,795.99 from the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District for the 1998 International Medium Walk-Around Rescue Truck (Squad 1). Motion carried 4-0.

SAFETY AWARD/GEAR

Fire Chief Crews advised the Department had requested funds from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Safety Grant to purchase gear but the funds were already disbursed elsewhere.

PURCHASE FIRE GEAR

Chief Crews advised the Foreign Fire Tax Board is purchasing gear for the Department which costs approximately \$8,000.00.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Fire Chief Crews discussed the incident with the young woman that Police Chief Herpstreith had discussed earlier. He advised the call came in on February 12th at Bidwell Street where a thirty six year old female was unresponsive. Police Officer Mills began resuscitation and she has made a full recovery. Chief Herpstreith and Chief Crews would like to recognize their officers as well as Sheriff Kettelkamp and County Deputy McWard who responded to the call at the June 1st City Council Committee Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith and Fire Chief Crews to present Life Saving Awards to the Officers and County Officers at the June 1st City Council Committee Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Committee reviewed the Maintenance Report prepared by Firefighter Jon Wamsley. The report lists a summary of the Fire Department's truck fleet, fire equipment repair, and maintenance practices; it is a very detailed report. Fire Chief Crews commended Jon as he does an excellent job on the maintenance of the fleet and he is saving the Department a lot of money by doing the work in house. Jon does the majority of maintenance himself as he has received several certifications and continues to go to training seminars, classes, internet, and webcasts to keep up with the new technology.

The Committee was very impressed with the details of the report and thanked Jon for the excellent job he does on maintaining the fleet. Chief Crews advised the City has paid for training but he takes care of everything and brings in his own tools to use for repairs and he is always on top of everything. There are some inspections that have to be done out of house but he keeps everything documented and filed for liability purposes.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls: 136
- Training Topics- Roof Ventilation, Drafting, Ladder Truck Placement and Hose Advancement
- The Department has been doing spring cleaning at the Fire House, he advised he may check into the cost of hiring the floors stripped and waxed as it is a very time consuming process. He also stated the firefighters keep the building in very good condition.
- Reported on an arson case stating there was an arrest made within 24 hours
- Had training for earthquakes
- Assistant Chief Goodall assisted with Pana High School Mock DUI

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Crews advised the Committee that the Ordinance to sell the SCBA bottles currently has Mt. Auburn as the entity purchasing them; he wants to check with Clerk Peabody to see if she can change to Toulon, they are purchasing all of the bottles for \$1.00.

He is working on a proposal for the training facility for ground tours and plans to budget \$10,000.00, he plans to have a complete packet of information to present in July.

The Department provided CPR/AED to some of the Police Department members. They did five company inspections during the month of April. There were some major issues found in one of the businesses that have been addressed, but they will continue to monitor to make sure they stay in compliance with the Life Safety Code. They also participated in a kid day at the YMCA discussing the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to the children and their parents.

The Department went to the Taylorville Correctional Center and discussed with the Warden and Assistant Warden what would happen in the event of a fire or other disaster in the prison. He advised the Warden and Assistant Warden are very dedicated to the community's safety; they are very well organized with their contingency plans. He also advised the prison was built to house 600 inmates and currently houses 1,201.

Chief Crews reminded the Committee the fundraiser for the Band Washington trip will be on Saturday from 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. at the Fire House to drive through and fill the boot. He advised there was going to be members of the choir and a drumline playing. The Band currently has \$45,000.00 for the Washington trip for 78 students and 18 chaperones.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Moore to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee