

EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 4, 2015

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Moore
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Crews
Aaron Sutton
Shirley Sams

Chairman Burtle asked to be excused and asked Alderman Jones to Chair.

Acting Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls-126
- The Department had 176 hours of training in the following areas: roof ventilation, hose testing, hose advancement, Hazmat awareness and basic company operations
- The curbing at the Fire Station along Poplar Street to Walnut Street has been scheduled to be replaced with 12" concrete in June
- The SCBA's were delivered to the Toulon Fire Department, it is a small department, they were grateful to get them
- There was a severe weather presentation to Taylorville Care Center and Taylorville Terrace
- The Department hosted the Christian County Public Health retreat
- On June 11th there is going to be a Communications Class
- The Department provided the Police Department with a CPR refresher course
- The Department assisted Superintendent Jackson in locating a buoy.

The Committee asked how the fundraiser at the Fire Station for the Band's Washington trip went; they received \$2,500.00 and the City donated \$2,500.00. They will be leaving for their trip on July 1st and are planning to have the Police and Fire Departments escort them out of town at 8:00 P.M.

"LEXIPOL" POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE PROPOSAL

Police Chief Herpstreith advised there is proposed legislation regarding police reform in Illinois, emphasizing the importance of having an up to date and defensible policy manual for the Police Department. The policy manual is to protect the personnel of the Police Department as well as protecting the City against potential liability. The Pana Police Department has recently instituted the Lexipol System and Chief Bland has spoken highly of it.

The Department currently operates on a Duty Manual and General Orders. He advised he has attempted to keep the Duty Manual and General Orders up to date, but as soon as a new policy is researched, written and implemented, changes in legislation and court rulings require the policy to be rewritten. Mayor Brotherton advised one of the advantages of implementing this system is if any of their policies are challenged Lexipol would send their lawyers for legal counsel.

By utilizing the Lexipol System the Department will be able to consolidate the Duty Manual and General Order System into one centralized system. He has talked with representatives of Lexipol and attended a webinar regarding how the system works; the system is able to be adapted to fit any Police Department in Illinois. They provide updates and recent best practices as the changes in legislation and case law occurs; they also utilize Daily Training Bulletins that are tailored towards the policies of the Department. The training is via computer and an electronic log is kept. Chief Herpstreith will be able to monitor who has logged on and who has passed or failed the quiz's that follow. If one of the Officer's fails, the Officer has to repeat the quiz until they pass. He was asked and how much time this was going to take the Officers from duties, he advised he took one in three minutes, and they can take more than one quiz a day.

The cost for the First Year Subscription Fee is \$6,850.00 (Includes all development tools, policy updates, Daily Training Bulletins, and Lexipol Forum). Then beginning the second year the annual update fee is \$5,450.00 which also includes everything as above.

Chief Herpstreith advised it will take approximately a year to get completed. He recommends that the annual update subscription should be considered and reviewed after the implementation of the system during the first year; stating he may be able to skip the first annual update as it is going to take that long to get started. The Committee asked if he would have to pay an additional fee if they didn't renew after the first year, he advised there would not be additional costs. Some members felt this would be defeating the purpose of getting a new system. The costs are significant but you have to consider costs associated with other systems, legal review time, liability insurance premiums and settlements, the costs involved in the Lexipol system may reduce the expenses in these areas. He included this purchase in the FY 2015/ 2016 Police Budget.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Herpstreith to implement the Lexipol System, at a cost of \$6,850.00 for the first year subscription fee. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Burtle returned at 8:15 P.M.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-1,600
- Total Cases Filed-113
- 62 Arrests
- Had 222 Traffic Stops
- Police Officer Probst is continuing the FTO Program and doing well
- Police Officer Davis is attending PTI training, while observing Officer Davis during training he was asked to speak to the class of cadets.
- All of the Police Officers are certified in CPR, a class was conducted by the Fire Department
- The Department has increased traffic enforcement
- The new radios have been installed which has increased range, clarity and usefulness
- The 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe has been sold

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Herpstreith informed the Committee one of the 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles was damaged in the front end; the Christian County Sheriff's Office handled the report, and the other party's insurance will be paying for the repairs. The 2013 Ford Fusion detective vehicle was rear ended parked along the street. The vehicle was pushed fifteen to twenty feet by a hit and run driver, there is \$9,000.00 in damage. The driver was later located but has no insurance; this incident was also handled by the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Herpstreith advised he has received complaints regarding littering on the South Side of the Square and a complaint regarding skateboarders in the area east of the Breeze Courier. Alderman Walters advised he would research the plats at the Court House; he believes the City owns a portion of that parking lot.

The hiring grant is open but the grant is focused on gun crimes and homicides so the chances of Taylorville being awarded one he feels is slim to none. There is also a camera systems grant open he is going to apply for.

There was also discussion regarding grass clippings in the street. There was a suggestion to start with a verbal warning; when the dispatcher gets a complaint it will be logged, an Officer will be sent to the location to give a warning; if called a second time, issue a ticket.

The Committee discussed the Life Saving Awards Presentation which was conducted at the June 1st City Council.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Acting Chairman
Emergency Services Committee