

EMERGENCY SERVICES

September 3, 2015

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Police Chief Herpstreith
Shirley Sams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Moore

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

SEEK BIDS TO PURCHASE TWO PATROL VEHICLES

Chief Herpstreith asked approval to seek bids for two 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive patrol vehicles. He also asked for approval to have them outfitted for patrol at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00 each. He stated the fleet currently has two 2007 Dodge Durango's; Unit 1 has approximately 153,427 miles and needs a complete suspension repair/replacement and other repairs, Unit 5 has approximately 95,000 miles and also needs suspension and electrical repairs. The cost to keep these vehicles running would be approximately \$10,000.00. Alderman Walters stated he has talked to the mechanics that would work on the patrol vehicles and they advised it's time to get new. The Committee agreed it would be better to put funds towards new vehicles rather than the old; there will be some equipment from the Durango's that will be used.

He advised the Committee he included four patrol vehicles in the FY 2015/2016 Budget. One was to be purchased with CIEG reimbursements when the State releases the funds, two were placed in the budget, and one was moved to appropriations for budgeting purposes. He gave a summary regarding the outstanding loan payments for the fleet:

Two 2013 Ford Interceptor Sedans-Payment 3 of 3 was made on 06/27/15

Four 2015 Ford Interceptor Utilities- Payment 1 of 4 in the amount of \$27,639.76 will be made on 10/21/15, this is now the only outstanding loan for patrol vehicles.

Alderman Jones commented with \$200,000.00 repairs to a lift station that was not budgeted for he has concerns on whether or not the City could afford to purchase two new vehicles. Alderman Budd advised \$189,000.00 of the funds needed for the lift station is available from money remaining in the 2009 General Obligation Bond for Sewer Projects. Alderman Jones said if that expense is covered he would be in favor of the purchase of the cars.

Alderman Burtle and Alderman Budd both advised they are in favor of the purchase as they don't want the Police Department to get in the condition it was before with all cars being purchased at one time and all going out at once. At this time Chief Herpstreith is planning for one of the two to be unmarked.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to seek bids for two 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive vehicles and to have the patrol vehicles outfitted for patrol. Motion carried 3-0.

BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT/PURCHASE

Chief Herpstreith advised that the body armor the Department uses has a five year service life; five of the Department personnel will need theirs replaced within the next few months. He participated in the OJP Bullet Proof Vest Grant Program which reimburses 50% of the cost for the vests and has already received these funds as it was awarded for 2014.

He received an email today informing him he has been awarded the grant for 2015 and will be receiving those funds at a later date; these funds will be used to replace the vests that will be ready to replace in 2017. The cost for five vests is approximately \$3,925.00.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to order five body armor vests from Ray O'Herron Company at a cost not to exceed \$3,925.00. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-1,643
- Total Cases Filed-92
- 68 Arrests
- 230 Traffic Stops
- Police Officer Probst has completed the FTO Program
- Police Officer Davis is in the FTO Program
- The Officers are increasing patrol in problem areas and are patrolling the schools
- He attended the First Responders Summit (Congressman Davis/State Rep. Bourne)
- Assisted the Christian County Sheriff's Office with a manhunt and was past the Lake area in corn fields with the new radios, they were able to communicate with each other without the problems they have had in the past
- Department will be patrolling at the High School during games
- Sent Officer Mense to Laser Radar Training

ANY OTHER MATTERS

He reported Officer Probst has been training with the Conservation Police and there will be an Officer on the water and extra Officers patrolling at the Lake over the Labor Day weekend.

There was discussion regarding disorderly houses. Police Chief Herpstreith advised he sends warning letters to property owners and tenants if there have been numerous calls to one location. After the 10th day if there are still problems a certified letter is sent. He did advise that there are some property owners that have taken care of the problem with their tenants.

Alderman Budd thanked him and the Department for patrolling the school areas. He asked if there was a way to paint No Parking on the East side of Pawnee Street as the cars that sit low can't see what's going on in front of them. Chief Herpstreith also stated that the kids are crossing on Washington Street next to the school in groups; there is one crosswalk but there needs to be an additional crosswalk. Alderman Walters stated Dr. Furstenau is applying for grant money for sidewalks. Alderman Heberling also stated they have had some discussion regarding crosswalks at a previous Street and Sewer Committee Meeting.

Alderman Heberling commended Chief Herpstreith and the Department on a job well done.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee