

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 5, 2015

### MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Moore

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Police Chief Herpstreith  
Alderman Budd  
Fire Chief Crews  
Owen Lasswell  
Shirley Sams

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-1,529
- Total Cases-91
- 159 Traffic Stops with 55 Traffic Citations Issued
- School Traffic Patrols
- THS Football Game Patrols; Playoff Game Patrols
- Conducted Halloween Patrols
- Conducted Range Firearms Qualifications

Police Chief Herpstreith has contacted the States Attorney's Office asking for help in research on the implements of husbandry. He advised he can't find any case laws; Alderman Heberling recommended calling the townships for help.

Alderman Heberling asked the Chief if the Department had any needs. Chief Herpstreith advised they are still waiting on the Firearms Training Range, the dispatchers' radio console needs upgraded, and some of the computers need upgraded.

Chief Herpstreith discussed body cameras and mobile video systems. He advised they are not mandatory yet, he has heard there may be grants available. If they are mandated, he will have to find a company to keep record and store video data.

### PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR ENGINE 1

Fire Chief Crews presented a quote for new tires for Engine 1, two for the front and four for the back. The cost also includes the disposal of the old. The cost of the front tires is \$542.50 each; the cost for the back tires is \$524.50 each. Firefighter Wamsley takes care of the maintenance of the fleet and he advised they needed to be replaced.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to purchase six new tires for Engine 1 from Larry's Service Center at a cost of \$3,183.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### LADDER TESTING

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to proceed with ladder testing at a cost of \$1,163.00. Motion carried 4-0.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TAYLORVILLE PARK DISTRICT**

There was discussion regarding the agreement with the Taylorville Park District. The Park District is allowing the Fire and Police Departments to do training in the Caretaker's house at Manners Park. When the Departments are finished with training the Fire Department will have a final burn. After the final burn the City will be responsible for removing and placing any residual materials into containers; the Park District will be responsible to haul the containers to the landfill and take concrete to an area designated by Lake Superintendent Jackson.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to accept the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Taylorville Park District. Motion carried 4-0.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Crews reported the Department had a total of 146 Calls for Service; he presented the Committee with a list of multiple alarms within 30 minutes for the months of September and October. He stated he wants the Council aware of how many calls they are responding to and how stretched they are. He is very concerned with the 9-1-1 situation and its effects on the City and County. He recommended that the Council take a tour of the 9-1-1 dispatch area, stating it is a very challenging job and there are only two dispatchers.

The Department is also helping other communities as they have made several fire runs to Kincaid, as they don't have a lot of responders. Firefighter Adermann held a training session in Stonington which was paid for by a grant.

He was asked how he knows who is at the Fire Station when the calls come in. He explained when the firefighters hit the doors there is a radio they hit and he explained how an application on his phone works; he knows within seconds who is at the Fire Station and who is coming in. He advised Pana has a system that has a large screen TV mounted that shows who is in the Fire Station; they have a strong department of firefighters as well as several volunteers.

The Committee received a Maintenance Report from Firefighter Wamsley. He attended the annual Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics Association Conference in Peoria where he took several classes and took an EVT certification test on Fire Apparatus Design and Performance. He included in his report that the pump testing and maintenance was conducted with the help of Eric Fair of Apparatus Independent Repair; all trucks passed pump testing. Engine 3 needed a "tank to pump" valve replaced.

The Committee received a spreadsheet of the 2015 Fire Prevention Activities schedule; October was a very busy month. The Department held their annual Fire Prevention Open House; they had over 250 children and approximately 120 parents and teachers over the course of three days. The activities were to include the helicopter, but due to an emergency it was not able to be here. Ronald McDonald taught them about fire safety and then presented a magic show. The annual fire drills at the Taylorville Schools were completed this month; and the Department went to Trinity Lutheran Pre-School, North Elementary and CEFS Head Start. They also taught classes at Christian County Mental Health and spoke with CEFS parents and finished up with home visits for the seniors from the TRIAD Academy.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.