

EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 7, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Moore

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota

Firefighter Kyle Renfrow
Firefighter Cody Rogers
Firefighter Matthew Adermann
Shirley Sams
Alderman Walters
Owen Lasswell

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

REPLACEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVER

Chief Herpstreith discussed the need of a new records management server; the current server was installed in October 2006 and has begun to have failures and has no more storage space on the hard drive. He advised the server is utilized for managing the dispatch and case system and it was included in his budget.

The cost of a replacement server including the migration of the data base is \$3,995.00, this server is expandable, and the 2006 server wasn't. Each work station acts as a backup; the system has a three year warranty and he has a yearly software service.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a new Records Management Server from In-Synch Systems at a cost of \$3,995.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Herpstreith presented the Committee with two sets of statistics since there wasn't a meeting in December:

POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY STATISTICS - NOVEMBER

- Total Calls for Service-1440
- Total Cases-82
- Traffic Stops-213, with 64 traffic citations issues
- Department is continuing to patrol the schools and problem areas

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - DECEMBER

- Total Calls for Service-1385
- Total Cases-97
- Traffic Stops-163, with 70 traffic citations issues
- Department is continuing to patrol the schools and problem areas
- The Shop with A Cop Program went very well, Sergeant Mills heads this program but several Officers and volunteers helped. They were able to help 65 children this year.
- Chief Herpstreith reported the Department should have two of the new squad cars by the end of the month. The Officers will decommission the old vehicles to use parts on the new to save money.

Police Chief Herpstreith and Fire Chief Crews gave a brief report on the flooding and rescue efforts reporting all the agencies and volunteers involved worked well together and should be commended for the work they did. Assistant Chief Goodall was the Incident Commander and did an excellent job.

Alderman Heberling commended the Chiefs and their Departments, stating he heard nothing but outstanding reports on the way the situations were handled by everyone involved. Members of the Committee also voiced

their support and respect for the efforts of all and to the City employees who when called upon go to extreme measures. Alderman Jones asked if MABAS was called; Chief Crews advised ours was sent to Petersburg.

Chairman Burtle stated obviously on the Committee level when the Chiefs come forward for purchases the Committee has to look at these requests as budget issues and costs but in situations like this no amount of the cost would have been too much.

Chief Crews advised Firefighter Jeff Stoner handed in a long dissertation including a list of things he would like to see happen in the future with a list of items he would like to be purchased. Fire Chief Crews stated they have to get the message out “to turn around don’t drown”.

RECOGNITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Fire Chief Crews informed the Committee he wanted to give recognition to three of his Firefighters for heading different projects and doing a great job.

Firefighter Cody Rogers was commended for doing a great job in heading the Angel Tree Program which he took over upon the retirement of Chris Smith. Chief Crews stated it takes at least a month to get everything planned and completed and that everything worked out great. He advised several of the Firefighters as well as volunteers helped, advising Alderman Budd and wife Gloria helped. He wished he had taken a picture of everything before it was disbursed to give the Committee an idea of what it was like, stating it is very rewarding to see how happy and appreciative the parents are of everything that was done for their families.

Firefighter Kyle Renfrow was commended for a job well done for conducting CPR Training Classes. Chief Crews read a thank you received from a gentleman whose brother had taken one of these classes and used the techniques he had learned to save his son who is now home from the hospital and doing well.

Firefighter Matthew Adermann was commended for a job well done in heading the Fire Prevention Program which reaches hundreds of children and parents each year. The primary focus of this program is done in October but he has projects throughout the whole year.

AFG GRANT

Fire Chief Crews advised the Committee he would like approval to apply for an AFG Grant for one new 15 lead electrocardiogram monitor/defibrillator equipped with main stream capnography, carbon monoxide monitoring, 360 joules, non-invasive blood pressure monitoring with blue tooth technology. The cost is \$24,970.00, if awarded the grant of \$23,721.00 would be covered with the City’s match being \$1,189.00. He plans to ask the Foreign Fire Tax Board to cover this portion, but he would possibly need more equipment that would have to be purchased from the City. The current monitor is obsolete manufactured in 1999. The new unit would bring the Department into compliance with local protocols, American Heart Association guidelines and the National Heart Attack Alert Program for patients with cardiac emergencies.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council allow Fire Chief Crews to proceed with applying for the AFG Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

HIRING UPDATE

Fire Chief Crews advised the Committee that he had been present during the current testing for the hiring of new firefighters. He stated after having seen how the testing process was done he doesn’t understand why the City couldn’t have the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Personnel Committee Chairman Rob Heberling and Human Resource Manager Cindy Brown do the testing. He had presented Mr. Sidbeck, representing F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing Service, with a list of questions which they used in the testing.

Mayor Brotherton advised the advantage of having an outside firm do the testing is that they are responsible for any liability issues as this is their business. Alderman Burtle recommended that City Attorney Romano and

Gary McNeely, the City's Insurance Agent be contacted to see if there would be any liability issues if the City were to do their own testing. Alderman Heberling asked if the Chief knew of other communities that did their own testing, he advised he is looking into it.

The Committee advised Chief Crews to notify the Commissioners to see if they would be interested in participating in the testing process. Mayor Brotherton recommended that Chief Crews, Assistant Chief Goodall and one of the Commissioners attend a seminar if available and suggested that the Commissioners be invited to an Emergency Services Committee Meeting to discuss this issue.

FEE WRITE-OFF

Chief Crews advised the City of Charleston that does the ambulance billing for the Department received a request for reduced payment from an attorney for a client. The charges were for \$723.94; his client would like to settle for \$600.00. The attorney advised there are charges of \$2,825.70 (hospital, etc.) and there is a settlement amount of \$5,000.00. The City of Charleston advised when Charleston receives this type of request from an attorney, where other creditors are involved, they do accept the proposed settlement, and they need to know what Taylorville wants to do.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to authorize the City to accept the settlement sum of \$600.00 in full payment of Invoice #1501032B relating to an ambulance service bill in collection with the City of Charleston. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Crews discussed the amount his Department will be submitting for overtime for the flooding and rescue effort advised the area has been declared a disaster with everything having to be submitted before January 18th.

Chief Crews advised he had instructed a class in Raymond where 60-70 people attended; this class covered all of the elements that would have been used for training in the house at the Park, stating it was too bad the way everything worked out.

Mayor Brotherton stated this isn't the Committee to discuss this issue but he wanted their opinions on whether or not he should direct City Engineer Joe Greene to contact representatives of the Senior Village located at 101 E. Heights. They had contacted the Mayor in regards to expanding the parking lot. Mr. Greene needs to discuss annexing their property into City Limits. The Committee advised him to direct Mr. Greene to make one call as a courtesy as there is a possibility the water from the parking lot could run into the City's sewer. If additional work is needed such as a site plan etc., the Senior Village would be responsible for the fees.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee