

EMERGENCY SERVICES

February 4, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Moore

ALSO PRESENT

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

Gary McNeely
Dan McNeely
Shirley Sams

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

FEE WRITE OFF

Fire 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 due to the settlement amount they were to receive.

The Committee was approached with this same request last month. 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; it is up to the City to determine whether or not they want to accept the reduced payment. The Committee agreed to settle with that client for \$600.00, and asked if this client had the same attorney as last month's client; Fire Chief Crews advised no. Some members of the Committee voiced objections to the write off stating the attorney should be asked if they are reducing their fees according to the amount of the settlement. After discussion the Committee decided to accept the reduced fee but advised would not be in favor of reducing any others.

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls-142
- Training Update-108 man hours: Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR Renewal, Fire Ground Management Review, Forcible Entry and Critique of Dive Call

Chief Crews presented the Committee with information regarding a Training Ground Project Proposal; included was a picture of the training facility in Sherman, IL. First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust donated the lot on the Northwest Corner of East Vine and Walnut Street; and he would like to utilize the area directly to the south of the Fire Station for a training facility. The Taylorville Fire Protection District supports this project and is funding \$8,000.00; he is going to ask the Foreign Fire Tax Board to fund \$750.00 for the cost of electrical connections and a \$750.00 fee for interior carpentry. He asked the Committee to review the information before next month's meeting.

Chief Crews advised the Committee there was a fire recently at Ahlstrom's that they were able to extinguish by being able to go above it thanks to the ladder truck, if the platform was not available the firefighters would have been up on thirty foot ladders and the factory probably would have had extensive damage.

The Department called for backup from Mutual-Aid Partners. Owaneco and Stonington both responded but Edinburg and Morrisonville have not been able to help with these calls because they don't have anyone to send; this has been an ongoing concern. The Committee asked if the different entities get paid for responding to the others calls he advised no if the entity is a member of MABAS, one entity does not charge the other for responding. The Committee asked Chief Crews how many times our Department responds to calls, and how many times has he called for backup and didn't get a response. He advised he would research and bring back the information to next month's meeting.

He advised there is going to be an elected official's summit held on March 30th at the Taylorville Memorial Hospital with Tim Gleason, City Manager of Decatur being the speaker. He stated the lecture will follow the book that he presented everyone regarding this summit.

FIREARM TRAINING

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee there were two training sessions being held at the Adamax Training Academy in Lincoln, IL that would be beneficial to the Police Department. He advised the training sessions at this facility are thorough and well-respected and are always in high demand; he is asking approval to secure spots for these sessions before the classes fill up.

The first class is a 1911 Operator Course:

1911 Operator Course-this course covers 1911 specific range drills, as well as disassembly, troubleshooting, as well as recommended/not recommended modifications to that specific firearm. Several of the Police Officers carry this weapon as their duty firearm. Chief Herpstreith wants to send two Police Officers at a cost of \$525.00 each for a total of \$1,050.00. He was asked if the Officers that attend this class would be able to train the other Officers; he stated yes, one of the Officers to attend would be a Firearms Instructor.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to send two Police Officers to the 1911 Operator Course at the Adamax Training Academy in Lincoln, IL at a cost of \$525.00 each for a total of \$1,050.00. Motion carried 4-0.

The second class is for Vehicle Engagement Tactics:

This course covers scenarios and training on the proper techniques for dealing with engaging vehicles and seated passengers. Vehicle operations cover an everyday part of the Department's work. He would like to send two Police Officers to this course at a cost of \$440.00 each for a total of \$880.00.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to send two Police Officers to the Vehicle Engagement Tactics Class at the Adamax Training Academy in Lincoln, IL at a cost of \$440.00 each for a total of \$880.00. Motion carried 4-0.

FIREARMS CLEARING BARREL PURCHASE

Chief Herpstreith advised Firearms Instructor Officer Gary Jones is in the process of updating Department Policy and different aspects of the Firearm Program. He recommends the purchase of a Firearms Cleaning Barrel advising the Officers don't have a way to safely clear their firearms prior to disassembly for cleaning. There were some members in attendance in favor of this purchase and some against, Mayor Brotherton advised the City has to be proactive for safety. Chief Herpstreith was advised to forward this purchase to the Safety Committee for consideration of being purchased with funds from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Safety Grant.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to forward the request of Chief Herpstreith to the Safety Committee to consider purchasing a Vehicle-Clear Firearms Cleaning Barrel from Weapon-Clear LLC at a cost of \$499.00 from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Safety Grant Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S

- Total Calls for Service- 1445
- Total Cases-115
- Traffic Stops-244, with 57 traffic citations issued
- Department is continuing to patrol the schools and problem areas

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Herpstreith reported two 2016 Ford Interceptors have arrived and the third vehicle will be arriving soon. He advised one Dodge Durango was traded in and reported the Dodge fleet is officially off the road; all emergency equipment from these vehicles were removed to be used for the new vehicles.

The Committee asked Chief Herpstreith to provide them with a list of areas that the officers are called to repeatedly and requested Alderman Jones, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee to discuss solutions to this problem to the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Chief Herpstreith thanked the Committee and Ordinance Committee Members for working on the Disorderly House Ordinance stating since the landlords as well as the occupants receive notice the system is working.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee