

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 3, 2016

MEMBERS

Acting Chairman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Moore
Mayor Brotherton

ABSENT

Chairman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Fire Chief Crews
Police Chief Herpstreith
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters

Owen Lasswell
Cindy Dey

Acting Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Central Illinois Enforcement Group (CIEG) Task Force

Police Chief Herpstreith informed the Committee that staffing has become available to rejoin the Central Illinois Enforcement Group Drug Task Force (CIEG).

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Taylorville Police Department to rejoin the Central Illinois Enforcement Group Drug Task Force (CIEG). Motion carried 3-0.

Replacement of Ballistic Shields

Chief Herpstreith explained that the Police Department is in need of two (2) ballistic shields to replace the current ones. The current shields have begun to deteriorate and have been taken out of service due to their age and condition. The Ballistic Shields have been utilized many times by personnel during execution of search warrants and are also an important piece of equipment that is used during high-risk incidents and enhances Officer's safety.

Chief Herpstreith obtained two quotes for two ballistic shields. The first and low quote is from Ray O'Herron, Inc. with a viewfinder and Tri-Grip Handle for \$2,495.00 plus \$35.00 freight for a total of \$2,530.00. The second quote is from Gall's Inc. for \$3,359.98 plus \$20.00 shipping for a total of \$3,379.98. Chief Herpstreith also informed the Committee that funding is available from the Police Department Equipment Line Item.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase two (2) ballistic shields from Ray O'Herron, Inc. for \$2,495.00 plus \$35.00 freight for a total of \$2,530.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Eventide Recorder Maintenance Agreement

Chief Herpstreith explained that a new Eventide Recorder was required when the VoIP Telephone System was installed in the Police Department. The recorder is a critical and expensive piece of equipment that records telephone and radio traffic. The warranty on the unit has expired and a maintenance agreement is needed to keep the recorder in working condition and also a maintenance agreement is standard industry practice for the recorders.

Nelson Systems, Inc. manages the Eventide Recorder in the Police Department. Chief Herpstreith received a quote from Nelson Systems, Inc. for a 12 month, 24 hour maintenance contract at a cost of \$3,522.30 annually. The maintenance agreement will cover labor, parts, software upgrades, training and annual inspections.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith acquire a maintenance agreement for the Eventide Recorder in the Police Department from Nelson Systems, Inc. for a 12 month, 24 hour maintenance contract at a cost \$3,522.30 annually to cover labor, parts, software upgrades, training and annual inspections. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Chief's Report

- Total Calls for Service - 1434 for February
- Total Cases – 102 Criminal Cases Filed with 63 Arrests
- Traffic Stops - 177 with 50 Traffic Citations issued
- School Traffic Patrols Continuing
- Numerous Drug Cases
- Possession of third and final Patrol Vehicle
- Replacement Records Management Server has been installed
- Attended Training regarding Officer Involved Shootings
- Preparing FY 2016/2017 Budget
- Vehicle Burglary Arrests

Training Tower Approval

Fire Chief Crews advised the Committee that he would like direction and/or approval to move forward with the construction of a training tower. He stated that in his opinion the area located near the southeast corner of the Firehouse property makes a lot of sense as a possible location for the training tower. He also stated that he knew some of the Aldermen were not in favor of the site and indicated that he was certainly willing to investigate other suggested locations.

Alderman Heberling stated that while he is very much in favor of constructing the training facility he cannot support it being constructed on the property adjacent to the Firehouse. He pointed out that the City has recently passed an ordinance prohibiting cargo containers in residential areas primarily due to concerns about them being unsightly and to turn around and allow the Fire Department to place three of them in open view seems wrong. Mayor Brotherton and Alderman Jones agreed that they too had similar concerns but that if the Bank and homeowners in the immediate area were okay with it they would support it. Chief Crews reminded the Committee that the proposed training facility could be moved fairly easily if problems arose from it being located adjacent to the Firehouse.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to direct the Taylorville Fire Department to move forward with the Training Tower Facility located on lots directly to the south of the Fire Station and east of the First-Mid Illinois Bank. Motion carried 2-1.

Fire Station Roof Repair

Assistant Fire Chief Goodall presented pictures and information to the Committee regarding the roof leaking at the Fire Station. H&H Construction Services, Inc. was the general contractor for building the Fire Station and since that time has gone out of business. In researching if there was a warranty on the roof; Chief Goodall has found a list of highlights of items for the Firehouse which states the "Building to have a 24 gauge standing seam roof system with a 25-year material warranty and a lifetime installation warranty provided by H&H. This roof may be good for 30-40 years-we have not seen one wear out yet. This means zero cost maintenance". The highlights also stated "All roof panels to be factory roll-formed MR-24 panels as manufactured by Butler Manufacturing Company". Chief Goodall stated that there was not a weather tightness warranty at the time the building was constructed.

Chief Goodall has contacted Butler Manufacturing Company and they informed him that the roof is not a Butler Manufacturing Company's roof but is a metallic roof and gave him information as to who does metallic roof repairs. He contacted the person and he will come and look at the roof.

Fire Station Building Repairs

Assistant Fire Chief Andy Goodall advised the Committee that he was still trying to identify the source of water leaking into the basement of the Firehouse. He stated that it is possible that water could be running down the interior of the building's brick walls. He distributed pictures showing bricks that appear to be offset near the building windows and explained that wicking cavities at the base of the walls may be blocked and not allowing water to drain properly. He has an individual who will be drilling holes at the wicking points to see if blockage could be part of the problem.

Fire Chief's Report

- Total Calls - 128
- New Hires Update
- Training Topics – SCBA Drill, Incident Management System, Forcible Entry and Vehicle Familiarization
- Norfolk and Southern Grant – Sonar Equipment
- Tier II Forms
- Labor Management Meeting
- Anderson Street Fire
- Severe Weather Presentations/Weather Spotter Class – March 8, 2016 – 6:30 P.M. – Firehouse

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Acting Chairman
Emergency Services Committee