

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

February 2, 2012

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Jones

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Chief Hackney  
Deputy Police Chief Hile  
Alderman Walters  
Shirley Sams

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

### PURCHASE OF A STALKER DUAL DSR MOVING RADAR UNIT

Deputy Police Chief Hile advised the Committee the Department is asking permission to purchase a Stalker Dual DSR Moving Radar Unit from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$1,399.00, which is the state bid price. Deputy Chief Hile advised the equipment is necessary to assist with traffic enforcement and is also useful in criminal investigations. He stated the radar ends up paying for itself on traffic stops. Alderman Heberling asked if this item was included in the budget; he was advised that it was. He also asked if installation was included in the cost, he was advised it wasn't but the Officers are going to install.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Deputy Police Chief Hile to purchase the Stalker Dual DSR Moving Radar Unit from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,399.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### PURCHASE OF MANDATED RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR INTERVIEW ROOM

Deputy Chief Hile stated he is requesting the approval to purchase recording equipment for the interview room. He stated this equipment is mandated and that the States Attorney and other State Prosecuting Agencies are requiring video evidence. The two interview rooms were made soundproof during the remodeling but the Department has been without recording equipment since then. They have been using a small hand held video recorder and then burning the video to a CD with a "home use" DVD burner, which quit working in January and cannot be repaired. He stated that the Department is not in compliance with the State Law nor are they meeting the standards. He presented a quote from Patrick Jeschke of Patrick 411 Inc. for the necessary equipment and the installation and training of the equipment. The Committee asked how long the training would take; he advised it would take a couple of hours. He explained this equipment is a Forensic Series and meets the standards for Law Enforcement use. It will hold several months' worth of evidence on the hard drive. There was a question regarding whether or not the evidence could be altered; it cannot as the CD/DVD's will have watermarks.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to purchase the DVR-F40 recording equipment system from Patrick 411 Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$4,914.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY SQUAD CAR GRANT

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting proposals for law enforcement vehicle grants to be made with Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Justice Assistance Grant Funding.

A total of \$460,766.00 is available to local law enforcement agencies that demonstrate both financial and vehicle needs. ICJIA has designated a maximum of \$20,000.00 to be awarded to each agency.

The grant funds may not be used for more than 75% of the total cost of the vehicle, with the City being responsible for the remaining 25%. Only units of local government that did not qualify for direct FY08 JAG Federal Funds from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance are eligible for this funding. Deputy Chief Hile advised the Authority will give priority consideration to agencies that did not receive funding administered by ICJIA in calendar years 2010 and 2011. He advised the City received this grant last year so more than likely would not be considered this year; but advised he is asking permission to pursue. The Committee asked if awarded this grant could the funds be used for the two vehicles that were just ordered; he stated no because of the time frame. Proposals are due by 11:59 P.M. Sunday, March 4, 2012.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to apply for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Squad Car Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Hile advised the Department has been assisting the Fire Department on arson investigations, as well as two aggravated battery cases which are associated with the arson.

### **PURCHASE DEFIBRILLATOR MONITOR**

Fire Chief Hackney advised the Committee there would be no action needed for the defibrillator, as the Foreign Fire Tax Board voted to purchase a refurbished defibrillator for \$3,200.00. He advised they were going to have to designate between Engine 1 and Engine 3 which would be (ALS) Advanced Life Support and the Board decided to purchase the defibrillator to bring Engine 3 up to ALS also. As of February 1<sup>st</sup> the TFD officially upgraded to Non-Transport Advanced Life Support Services. This upgrade included Engine 1 and Engine 3 licensed as ALS Units. They are waiting on the IDPH inspection for the ALS Transport license to place the ambulance into service.

He advised the Committee he thought when the Department was upgraded to ALS they wouldn't have to continue to obtain the BLS license. There are three different licenses which will have to be renewed each year - the Non-Transport ALS, the Non-Transport BLS and when the ambulance is in operation it will require a Transport ALS license.

### **2011 SAFER GRANT**

Fire Chief Hackney received information from FEMA for the AFG Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant). He advised he was looking for guidance as to apply or not, stating if the Committee did not feel that it could be endorsed by the Council he would not pursue. He explained the first priority of this grant is to rehire laid-off firefighters, the second priority is maintaining them, and the third priority is hiring new firefighters. He informed the Committee the time periods have changed with this grant. The period of performance is now two years with no retention commitment. After much discussion the Committee agreed there are too many shortages in other departments to approve of applying for this grant.

Alderman Burtle stated that with the addition of the firefighters that were covered under the last SAFER Grant has resulted in less overtime. He asked if the opening due to the retirement is going to result in an increase in overtime. Chief Hackney advised the Captains have done a good job with manpower, the three new firefighters have had to float to keep the overtime down. He

did advise that there is still one firefighter out with an injury and there may be another opening due to a possible retirement in March or April. If that were to happen the overtime will go up.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Senator Durbin's Office notified him that the Department is going to receive an Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant for MABAS Division 50 in the amount of \$16,000.00. This grant will provide training props, a trailer to haul the props, and money for instructor's fees. Assistant Fire Chief Crews applied for this grant last year. Chairman Burtle thanked Assistant Fire Chief Crews for obtaining this grant. MABAS stands for Mutual Aid Box Alarms Systems. He explained as an example that if Taylorville were to have a disaster Champaign would come to assist. Taylorville assisted with help when Hurricane Katrina hit; the City could not send vehicles but sent two men from our Department and two men from Morrisonville.
- It has been a busy month as there have been a lot of fires and accidents.
- He was asked about the number of calls for Public Service and what that covers. He explained that they assist with lifting and they get a lot of calls for alarms going off such as oxygen tanks. He was asked if they could possibly charge for these calls; he stated there will always be a need for Public Service calls and the men don't mind assisting in these calls.
- The Fire Department is offering CPR classes at \$20.00 per person
- There were 127 Total Calls

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that they will notice an additional \$1,700.00 expense for the server in the Police Department, advising that the software was so outdated that the installers couldn't get the old software to work with the new server.

Alderman Koonce asked Deputy Chief Hile to explain the problem with the walk-in door in the Sally Port. He explained that a walk-through was done by the Department of Corrections and they pointed out problem areas that need corrected. The walk-in door on the West side of the building leading into the Sally Port area does not meet requirements. The door and door jamb are rusting through and the lock does not provide the needed security with prisoners. Deputy Chief Hile contacted Bob Morgan of L&M Glass and he will be coming to look at the door and will provide an estimate to replace it. He stated the door needs to be replaced and then later add a push bar delay to keep someone from getting out. Alderman Jones asked when the last time was that this door was used; he was advised this door is used every day.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

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Shawn Burtle, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee