

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

July 7, 2016

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Olive

### ALSO PRESENT

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

Owen Lasswell  
Shirley Sams  
Luke McLeod

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

### MUNICIPAL LEASE TO OWN PROGRAM

Police Chief Herpstreith presented information regarding the Municipal Lease to Own Program; he and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall have been working together for radios and equipment for their Departments. They would like to combine both Departments on one application.

Chief Herpstreith advised he had the upgrades for the Police Department on hold due to the possibility of the Macon County Regional Dispatch Center. This project is no longer being pursued so he is ready to move forward with purchasing new equipment and remodeling the Police Department. The cost for the communications equipment and gear for both Departments is \$205,756.00; \$80,756.00 for Fire and \$125,000.00 for Police. There was discussion regarding the funding; the first payment is due in July, 2017 or one year from purchase. Chief Herpstreith advised rather than waiting a year to begin paying they would start making payments when purchased; there isn't a penalty for paying early and he and Fire Chief Crews have included these purchases in their budgets. There was a three year and a five year annual payment plan offered; the Committee asked Chief Herpstreith to inquire as to whether or not a semi-annual payment could be made as it would help with budgeting and cash flow.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to allow Police Chief Herpstreith and Fire Chief Crews to enter into a Lease to Own Purchase Agreement with Government Capital Corporation to purchase communication equipment and gear at a cost not to exceed \$205,756.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSPECTION

Chief Crews advised the State of Illinois and NFPA 25 requires fire sprinkler systems to be inspected every quarter. He received a quote from E.L. Pruitt Co. to do the inspection; they will verify the following:

- Operating position of all control valves
- Main drain test
- Operation of alarm and tamper devices
- Reporting to central station, general condition of the system and components.

The cost does not include repair or replacement of any defective system components. They received a quote for the scope of work that needed to be repaired which totaled \$887.00 for parts and labor, plus the cost of the inspection which is \$96.00 per hour which should take approximately 2-3 hours.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to pay E.L. Pruitt an amount not to exceed \$1,175.00 for inspection and parts and labor for the repairs to the sprinkler system. Motion carried 4-0.

### **REPLACE SUCTION UNIT**

Chief Crews advised he needs to purchase an S-Scort hand held suction unit used to remove liquid from patients airway.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to purchase a suction unit from BoundTree Medical, LLC. at a cost not to exceed \$649.99. Motion carried 4-0.

### **TIRE REPLACEMENT**

Chief Crews presented quotes received for replacement tires for Squad 2 at a cost of \$1,528.20, the Roadlux R508 at a cost of \$1,015.74 and Engine 4 at a cost of \$2,398.72 which includes the cost of tubes required with tires. The cost of each includes mounting and an additional \$2.50 user fee per tire for the State of Illinois. Junk tires are \$10.00 per tire. The Committee asked if all tires need replaced now or can some of them wait. He stated he would have Jon Wamsley come to next month's meeting to discuss the fleet and what needs to be done as he does the maintenance. He recommends replacing Engine 4 now; the tires have sixteen years of wear on them.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to purchase six tires and tubes for Engine 4 from Larry's Service Center at a cost not to exceed \$2,398.72. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Chief Crews reported there was an inspection done on the SCBA equipment; there were some problems found. He had everything repaired as they went through it. He presented the Committee with a detailed list from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) of the charges for parts and labor at a cost of \$5,607.60.

He also presented an estimate of an upgrade on air packs. They currently have 30 Scott 4500 air packs and 60 cylinders. He presented the costs associated with getting the Department up to new NFPA Standards (using 45 min bottles, and pack tracker). He expects to get a discount since he is buying so many; he plans to research grants to help cover the expense. The list cost amount is \$339,750.00.

Chief Crews reported there was a train and vehicle wreck recently; he commended everyone on a job well done, stating how well the Police Officers and Firefighters worked together. The man involved is expected to make a complete recovery.

The Motorola radios that were purchased from a grant from the Fire Marshall's Office four years ago need to be reprogrammed to work with the new system; the cost to upgrade the radios is \$7,442.00. The radios are designed specifically for firefighters as they have bigger knobs for the firefighters to use with their gloves on; this will be an agenda item next month.

### **MACON COUNTY REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER UPDATE**

Police Chief Herpstreith advised that the benefactor has decided not to proceed with the Macon County Regional Dispatch Center due to cost and logistics.

### **TPD DISPATCH UPGRADE/MUNICIPAL LEASE TO OWN**

The Municipal Lease to Own was approved earlier in the meeting. The Fire Department and Police Department are combining equipment on one application.

Chief Herpstreith discussed his plans for remodeling the Police Department Dispatch Area; he is recommending closing the current door off and making an opening for a door leading to the old fire department. Some of the Aldermen in attendance recommended keeping both doors for safety reasons and noted it may depend on fire

codes as to whether or not the door can be closed. Alderman Heberling stated he wouldn't hold this project up, but as discussed at the last Finance Committee, we need to be cautious with purchases moving forward.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Olive to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to seek bids for remodeling of the dispatch area with bidding requirements. Motion carried 4-0.

### **COMPUTER WORKSTATION REPLACEMENT**

Chief Herpstreith advised the computer at the dispatch workstation is old and has been sent to Computer Techniques Inc. two times for repairs; now it is unrepairable. He presented the Committee with a quote from Computer Techniques with details of a new computer he is asking permission to purchase.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a computer from Computer Techniques, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,162.46. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- Calls for Service-1574
- Total Cases-110
- Total Arrests-58
- Traffic Citations-139 Traffic Stops, with 57 traffic citations issued
- Sex Offender Compliance Check with 1 out of compliance, arrest made
- Hosted Active Shooter Training Class at THS
- Officers are now serving papers for arrears of pay or appear.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Chief Herpstreith asked Sergeant Alan Mills to come forward to discuss CrimeStoppers; this is a good organization which Sergeant Mills is in charge of; the Department receives a lot of helpful information through this program.

Sergeant Mills Coordinator of CrimeStoppers gave a brief overview of the program, stating it is a great tool for the Department; in some cases when they receive a tip it makes all the pieces come together. It was started in 1987 and is currently housed in the Police Department. The late Police Chief Dave Childers helped to get this program started. There have been over 2,000 calls received resulting in 517 arrests, 441 cases solved, over \$570,287.00 in recovered property and drugs, and over \$33,000.00 in rewards paid out. Judges Spears and Paisley helped in establishing that a portion of remittance from fines paid from convictions goes toward funding of the CrimeStoppers program. He commended the board members which include Dan Austin, who has been on the board since the beginning, Bill Nation, George Yard, and Mary Rhodes.

He explained how the calls are kept confidential; all calls come in on one rotary phone with no caller I.D, the call goes through Canada and back so the callers stay anonymous.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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Shawn Burtle, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee