

EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 3, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alderman Olive
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Police Chief Hile
Bart Bialas
Dustin McClure
Alderman Vota

Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Shirley Sams
Mark Durham
Owen Lasswell
Frank Prochaska
Alderman Walters

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service—over 2,000
- Traffic Crash Investigations-103
- Traffic Stops-211
- Traffic Citations Issued-98
- Battery/Aggravated Battery Investigations-16
- Domestic Violence Investigations-69
- Fight Calls-30

Police Chief Hile advised the Department patrols the schools on a routine basis but they also conducted six special enforcement details which included the Taylorville High School, Taylorville Junior High, North Elementary, Memorial, St. Mary's and the VisionWay Christian Church. There were ten traffic citations issued for different reasons-cell phone usage, speeding, driving with license suspended, operation of uninsured motor vehicle, and passing on the shoulder.

Beginning Monday, November 7th Chief Hile will be working with Andra Ebert and the Heartland Mini Hoofs in presenting a bullying program to the Junior High School and Memorial School.

On November 17th Officer Thomas will be attending the certification training for the "Too Good for Drugs Program"; he will then be teaching the 5th grade students throughout Taylorville.

He gave an update on the Burglary at the Moose Lodge, it was a husband and wife they were arrested for this burglary as well as many others burglaries all over the State the couple was from the Collinsville area.

He received notification from the Office of the Secretary of State Jesse White that beginning January 2017 his office will launch a license plate replacement program designed to replace the oldest license plates with newly designed plates at no additional cost to the Illinois taxpayers.

Police Chief Hile attended the Central Illinois Enforcement Group Policy Board meeting. At the meeting they provide an overview of investigations along with the City's participant that is currently in the group. This person consistently maintains a high case load and has been very instrumental in many investigations; he is spoken of very highly by the supervisors of the unit as well as other agents. He is currently wrapping up an investigation where he seized a significant amount of methamphetamine before it was distributed throughout our community and surrounding communities.

In October Police Chief Hile attended a statewide awards banquet for the Central Illinois Enforcement Group as well as all the other Task Forces and Meg Units throughout the State. Our participant received an award of recognition of his investigative efforts in the investigation of manufacture of methamphetamine. He stated unfortunately the person involved has spent time in IDOC before for the same charges. He advised there is an overwhelming presence of drugs as well as prescription drugs in Taylorville; additional personnel are needed to be assigned to the unit to fight this situation.

He advised it is going to have to be a community effort to help these issues, Police Chief Hile had arrested the same individual that was in the meth investigation when he was a Police Officer seventeen years ago, and it is a reoccurring cycle as children repeat the environment they grow up in. He had the opportunity to discuss the situation with Pana's Chief Bland recently; Pana has been very successful with their community's participation efforts. They have a recovery dinner that has grown significantly. He is researching ways in which the community can be informed such as speaking to Civic groups, school groups etc.; he would like to duplicate a coalition like theirs for Taylorville.

Police Chief Hile was asked if he planned to continue his participation in the TRIAD program; he is continuing but will also have other Officers participate as well.

AFG GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

Fire Chief Crews advised a AFG Grant was just opened with a deadline of November 18th. He would like to pursue the grant, which if awarded would come from next year's budget as it could take up to six months. With this grant the items would have to be purchased then the City would be reimbursed from the grant; he advised this would far out exceed his budget. Mayor Brotherton advised him to inquire if the company could bill for the order then pay when receive funds from the grant, as they are going to benefit from the sale.

The grant would be used to purchase thirty new air packs and sixty cylinders at \$235,000.00. The grant is a 95%-5% program; if awarded, the City's 5% would amount to \$10,977.00. He is also including a chest compressor which costs \$21,000.00 with the City's portion being \$1,072. He spoke with the Foreign Fire Tax Board who think they would be able to cover the City's portion of \$12,049.00.

Fire Chief Crews reported the air packs are going to need replaced whether covered by the grant or not as they have an expiration date of 2018. The Committee agreed to allow him to proceed with the grant and when he is notified to place on a Finance Committee Meeting Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to proceed with the application process for the AFG Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

MANPOWER RETENTION PROPOSAL

Chairman Burtle had placed the Manpower Retention Proposal on the agenda for discussion but he was not able to attend the meeting; it was tabled and will be on the next Emergency Services Committee Agenda.

ROLE OF ARSON INVESTIGATOR

Fire Chief Crews advised in 1999 past Fire Chief Doherty sent Firefighters Ron Smith and Bob Dunn for Fire Investigator and Police Training Institute to carry firearms. The role of Arson Investigator has not been filled for several years but Captain Dunn has kept all of his certifications up to date; he feels it is a waste of money if he can't use it to the full extent it was intended. Captain Dunn has worked on all the arson cases and feels he should be allowed to carry a firearm as outlined under the Illinois State Statutes. Mayor Brotherton advised Captain Dunn would only carry the weapon when at a fire investigation; Captain Smith did not keep his certification current as the Arson Investigator position had not been filled in years.

Acting Chairman Olive asked what procedures would be needed to reinstate filling the position of Arson Investigator. Mayor Brotherton advised nothing was done to take the position out of the City Code Book so

nothing needed to be done to reinstate it. Alderman Heberling asked if something needs to be done to supersede a Chief making their own decision on whether or not to fill this position, the Committee didn't feel anything needed to be changed in the City Code. Fire Chief Crews and Police Chief Hile are working together on a new Standard Operation Guidelines for firearms.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls-125
- Training Hours-132, had training on Haz-mat refresher course, toured Monsanto, SCBA drills and Fire Dynamics.
- Over 500 kids went through the Fire House through the pre-school program
- Have been conducting school fire drills
- Had the drive thru flu shot clinic
- Did a Fire Safety presentation for the parents of the Head Start Program at Davis Memorial Christian Church, had a very good turnout.
- Two Firefighters graduated academy on October 14th
- Had a severe weather presentation at LLCC

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Police Chief Hile advised he has been talking with Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall in regards to planning projects for the community involving both departments, for example, a community had a function for Halloween with both the Firefighters and Police Officers participating.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Jim Olive, Acting Chairman
Emergency Services Committee