

EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 3, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Koonce
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Police Deputy Chief Hile
Officer Tony Telford
Cindy Brown
Shirley Sams

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

STALKER DUAL RADAR UNITS

Police Deputy Chief Hile made a request to purchase two (2) Stalker Dual Radar Units which are listed on the State Bid at a cost of \$1,399.00 each. He stated they still have cars that are not equipped with the radar units and the new units are very difficult to move from one car to another.

He advised all the purchases he is bringing before the Committee this evening have been included in the budget.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to authorize Deputy Chief Hile to purchase two (2) Stalker Dual Radar Units from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. at a cost of \$1,399.00 each for a total not to exceed \$2,798.00. Motion carried 4-0.

10-8 VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR SQUADS

Deputy Chief Hile advised the Committee he would like approval to purchase six (6) Video Systems for a cost of \$1,495.00 each for the squad cars. Two systems had been purchased earlier this year and the video quality is excellent. The video systems provide immeasurable evidence for many situations such as DUI arrests which provides great liability coverage for the City and Officers with the stops being recorded.

Deputy Chief Hile was asked if the cost included installation; he stated it did not but he thought the Officers could install the equipment or if needed, he would call Patrick 411.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to authorize Deputy Chief Hile to purchase six (6) Video Systems from 10-8 Video Systems at a cost of \$1,495.00 each for a total not to exceed \$8,970.00. Motion carried 4-0.

KENWOOD P25 PORTABLES

Deputy Chief Hile asked the Committee for approval to purchase (8) Kenwood P25 Portable Radios at a cost of \$1,400.00 each, which includes all equipment and necessary programming. He stated this would improve the necessary communications between not only our officers within the agency, but other officers from different agencies. He stated with this purchase all the Officers including the new Police Officer will be provided with a portable radio.

Deputy Chief Hile advised the new Police Officer, Wesley Withrow will be sworn in on Monday, January 7th. Officer Withrow is the son of retired Police Officer Ken Withrow.

He advised Global Tech was here recently encrypting the P25 radios, both mobiles and portables so now the departments can communicate with each other on a secure line to use in case of an emergency such as something at one of the schools or a domestic case.

One of the Aldermen stated he thought the radio situation was taken care of; he was advised by Deputy Chief Hile and Mayor Brotherton that this has been an ongoing problem between departments for years. Mayor Brotherton advised it has been this way for twenty five years between the City, County and State, although a lot of work has been done since the 911 attacks to have better communications.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to authorize Deputy Chief Hile to purchase (8) Kenwood P25 Portable Radios from Global Tech at a cost of \$1,400.00 each for a total not to exceed \$ 11,200.00. Motion carried 4-0.

COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR DETECTIVE

Deputy Chief Hile asked the Committee for approval to purchase a computer system for Detective Bryan, stating the current system is almost seven years old and has been serviced to keep it going as it keeps locking up and crashing. He advised Detective Bryan spends a lot of hours on the computer running off reports etc.; he has checked locally and found one at Walmart for less than \$900.00.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to authorize Deputy Chief Hile to purchase a computer system from Walmart at a cost not to exceed \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- The department has been training with other agencies at the Taylorville High School
- Reported Officer Wells will be in the schools second semester for the Dare Program
- The Department is teaming up with Walgreens on April 27th for a Drug Take Back Program and a Car Seat Safety Check in the parking lot of Walgreens
- Kevin Stich, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission has discussed with him a date of March 6th for testing for a new list for Sergeants and Detectives.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Committee thanked Deputy Chief Hile for inviting Officer Tony Telford to attend the Emergency Services Meeting stating it gives him the opportunity to see how the Committee works to meet the needs of the Department and thanked him for everything he does for the City.

Officer Telford was asked about the Young Explorers group in which he is an adviser. He stated Officer Amanda Olsta has done a great job and that the explorers participated in the training at the High School; they are a hands on group. He advised there are members of the group that will be in law enforcement in some capacity in the future such as auxiliary.

Deputy Chief Hile advised Officer Olsta is checking on having more fundraisers; they have had one and are planning on more to pay for uniforms for the group. Alderman Burtle asked Deputy Chief Hile to check with Officer Olsta to see if she would be interested in bringing the Young Explorers to an Emergency Services Committee Meeting to update the Committee and to invite the explorers as well to see how the Committee works.

Mayor Brotherton thanked Deputy Chief Hile for all the extra hours and work he has done as the Police Chief and Records Clerk have both been absent. Deputy Chief Hile reported that the Officers have been helping with the Departments cleaning with the absence of a janitor.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee