

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 7, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Koonce
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Hackney
Assistant Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Larry Budd
Matt Peters
Andy Goodall
Kyle Renfrow
Jon Wamsley
Shirley Sams

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

POLICE BADGE REPLACEMENT

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee the badges worn by most of the Department are worn and some have broken; these badges are nearly 30 years old and need to be replaced.

Deputy Chief Hile has contacted the original manufacturer, Entenmann-Rovin Co. regarding the badges, they intend to keep the design the same, and to properly enumerate the badges for identification. He is asking permission to replace the badges for the thirteen patrol personnel we currently have now with the intent of replacing badges for the rank of Sergeant and above during the next fiscal budget. Each Officer would need two (2) badges, one for their uniform and one for a jacket or coat. The cost for 26 new badges would be \$2,002.00. By ordering all at one time they will reduce the cost of each to \$77.00 for a savings of \$312.00. The old badges will be secured in a vault.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to order 26 Police Badges from Entenmann-Rovin Co. at a cost not to exceed \$2,002.00. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE VIDEO UPGRADE

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the video recording system the Department currently has that is used for areas inside and outside the building is an aged system which has begun to experience failures of hardware and components. The State's Attorney's Office and other defense attorneys make requests to use video of incidents that occur inside our building. The system is also used to aid in limiting the liability of the City for injury or incidents that could occur during the arrest, booking and detention of subjects in custody. He has been researching different systems and has contacted Wareham's Security for information as they installed the original system; their cost for a new system is \$2,747.00. He is still researching different options with other vendors as well but will not go over that amount if he purchases something different. Alderman Heberling asked if this purchase would take care of all the computer issues. He stated the department still needs a couple of work station computers and an updated computer server for the Records Management System.

Alderman Walters asked what would happen with the old system. He was advised there is no trade in value, it would be destroyed and the hard drive would be taken out and stored in the Police Department.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a video recording system at a cost not to exceed \$2,747.00. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- The numbers on the report for the month of February were printed early in the day, the actual numbers up to midnight were: Total Calls for Service: 1670
Total Arrests: 77
- Hosted a HAZMAT/Blood Borne Pathogens Class for MTU members
- Tobacco Compliance Checks
- Working Extensive Drug Investigations
- Updated Duty Manual

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Herpstreith advised he was looking over the calls for service and reviewed the calls by time of day for each shift. In reviewing that data, the following information regarding call load for each shift was obtained.

Early to mid 1st shift was busiest with calls for service.
2nd shift was busy at all hours of their shift with calls for service
Early and late 3rd shift was busiest with calls for service

The days of the week that experience the most calls for service were Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. The days of the week that experience the most cases generated were Mondays, Fridays and Sundays. There were 44 motor vehicle crashes during the month of February. The majority of crashes occurred on 2nd shift, with 1st shift experiencing the next highest number of crashes. He is looking into data to determine the areas in town that seem to have the most trouble.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE WAYS TO PURCHASE LADDER TRUCK

Fire Chief Hackney and Assistant Fire Chief Crews presented the Committee with handouts and pictures regarding the need for an Aerial Platform Truck. They presented different scenarios from past fires explaining how the fires could have been fought using the platform compared to how they had to handle the situations with the equipment and manpower they currently have; noting that the platform can be operated by one person.

Chief Hackney advised he has discussed different options with Treasurer France regarding bonding or borrowing for new or pre-owned. They presented the Committee with an Annual Department Operating Expenses and Revenue worksheet and a worksheet of Financing Options which included a worksheet with percentages for bonds, as of March 7, 2013 the bond interest rate was 2.35%; and rates from a local bank for new and pre-owned and lease price.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the pros and cons for purchasing new or used. There were several printouts from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus Co. of different used vehicles. Chief Hackney was asked if the Department would be comfortable with purchasing a used vehicle; he reported they go through extensive checks before being sold and come with some warranty.

There was discussion regarding different revenue source possibilities such as raising the Utility Tax from 3%-5% which would generate approximately \$275,000.00 a year. There was also discussion regarding earmarking funds such as the ambulance call revenue or non-resident call revenues to one line item to be used for the purchase of a new truck. Alderman Burtle asked that this be addressed on next month's Emergency Services Committee Agenda.

Alderman Heberling advised that at the last Finance Committee Meeting Treasurer France advised the Committee she would be presenting an informational guideline of the City's Funds at

the April Finance Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed that at this time the funds are not available but advised Chief Hackney and Assistant Fire Chief Crews to continue researching for revenues. They were asked if they had applied for any grants recently for the platform truck; they advised they have always applied for grants when available, currently there isn't any.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Two new hires were assigned two mentors to work pre-academy skill sets, developing their abilities to work in turnout equipment and prepare them for Fire Academy.
- Each Shift participated in regular training and additional training classes included:
 - General Pharmacology
 - Airway Management
 - Elevator Rescue
 - Ice Rescue
 - Altered Mental Status
- Regional Training was conducted by the TFD instructors for each county fire department. The Jan/Feb training topic was forcible entry using the new forcible entry prop.
- The two new firefighters, Al Fox and Kirk Rainey are finishing up their first week of Fire Academy, being awarded the Veterans Hiring Initiative grant extends the SAFER Grant from two years to three years.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

There was a statewide severe weather drill held on Wednesday and in April there will be a joint meeting with the County for Severe Weather Preparedness.

They were commended for their Year End Report, it was very informative.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee