

EMERGENCY SERVICES

May 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Koonce
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton
Police Chief Herpstreith
Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews
Alderman Walters
Larry Budd
Shirley Sams
Laura Wolfe

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

VEST REPLACEMENT/BVP GRANT FUNDS

Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee he had five officers fitted for new vests from funds left over from the 2011 BVP Grant Funds. The Department has to pay the full amount of \$3,918.50 then submit receipt for a 50% reimbursement. The Grant Funds are awarded every two years, and if awarded the grant, the funds have to be spent before the 2013 funds are awarded.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to order five vests for the Police Department at a cost of \$3,918.50 from Ray O'Herron Company Inc. Motion carried 4-0.

2013 BVP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee he is applying for the 2013 BVP Grant; he has applied five or six times and has received funds every time. He is applying for approximately \$6,900.00; he needs to replace eight or nine vests as the vests are replaced every five years; there is no fee to apply.

2013 COPS HIRING GRANT APPLICATION

Chief Herpstreith informed the Committee he has received information regarding the 2013 COPS Hiring Program. The application period is now open and must be submitted by Wednesday, May 22nd. If the Committee approves of him applying, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews is going to assist him with all of the paperwork. The Department is only eligible to apply for one officer because it is determined by the number of officers on staff. The program is 75% funded with 25% matching funds from the City over a three year period. As in the past, the grant requires that each position awarded be retained by the City for a minimum of 12 months at the conclusion of the 36 months of federal funding.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to proceed with applying for the 2013 COPS Hiring Grant Application. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- There were 1,932 Calls for Service from 4/1/13-4/30/13
- The Department hosted a Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Class
- Received \$2,000.00 from the Norfolk Southern Foundation Grant for the Firearms Range
- Traffic Stops are up but the crashes are down
- Handling numerous requests for fingerprinting for out of state concealed carry
- Participating in Click It or Ticket Campaign May 1st - May 27th

- Has been working with Lake Superintendent Jackson in regards to upcoming lake activity
- Had a drug take back program conducted on April 27th – collected 13 huge boxes and turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency
- Replaced video system (in-house)
- Ongoing Educational Training for Personnel
- This week is National Police Week Observance
 - 2012-120 Line of Duty Deaths
 - 2013 to date- 39 Line of Duty Deaths

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee Fire Chief Hackney contacted him stating that he has accepted another position which requires training and plans to retire effective May 31, 2013; he intends to use his accrued time off starting May 5th - 31st. The Mayor has asked Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews to be the Acting Fire Chief until a decision is made to fill the Fire Chief position.

Alderman Jones asked that the date of the July Emergency Services Committee Meeting be an agenda item in June as it is the Fourth of July. He would like to have the meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd to allow travel time for the holiday.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews stated there was going to be a county wide disaster drill on Tuesday May 7th. They will make up a scenario with employees from the Police Dept., Fire Dept., the Coroner, Hospital Employees and County Officers responding, and he will arrange for a State Vehicle to be on site.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee