

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 6, 2013

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Jones

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Police Chief Herpstreith  
Acting Fire Chief Mike Crews  
Alderman Walters  
Jacque Nation

Andy Lasswell  
Andy Goodall  
Matt Adermann  
Kyle Renfrow  
Shirley Sams  
Frank Prochaska

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

### CHANGE OF DATE FOR JULY MEETING

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to change the date of the Emergency Services and Personnel Committee Meetings from Thursday, July 4, 2013 to Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Motion carried 4-0.

### NELSON SYSTEMS SERVICE CONTRACT

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee the Department utilizes an Eventide System for recording radio traffic and telephone calls; he would like to purchase a contract which includes cleaning, maintenance, and upgrades for the recorder.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a 12 month 24/7 service contract from Nelson Systems of Springfield at a cost of \$3,105.81. Motion carried 4-0.

### WATCHGUARD VIDEO REFURBISHING

The Department has five (5) Watchguard DV-1 onboard video systems. Chief Herpstreith stated these units were purchased when the Dodge fleet was implemented. Some of the units have begun to fail; they can be refurbished with updated control boards, DVD drives, etc. for approximately \$550.00 each plus shipping.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to send two (2) of the failed Watchguard DV-1 Onboard Video Systems units to Watchguard Systems for diagnosis and possible refurbishing at a cost of \$550.00 each plus shipping. Motion carried 4-0.

### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Received confirmation that the 2013 COPS Hiring Grant was accepted
- 1,995 Total Calls for Service
- Have had several in for fingerprinting for concealed weapons
- Working on extensive drug investigations
- There were 86 Seatbelt Violations written during the Click It or Ticket Campaign
- Ongoing continuing education training for personnel
- Fleet repairs on four units
- Spoke at the Optimist Club May Meeting
- There were 308 Traffic Stops including the 86 seatbelt violations

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee that the Department has been very busy with the increase in service calls and explained that calls involving juvenile cases and domestic cases take approximately two to three hours each to process. He also stated they will be patrolling the Lake more frequently.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor Brotherton commented on the speed machine in front of Larry's Marathon stating he thought it would be a good investment for the Police Department to place around different locations throughout the City in areas when someone calls in a complaint. Police Chief Herpstreith advised they cost approximately \$4,500.00 but advised they can be leased.

There was discussion regarding grass clippings in the street. Street Superintendent Dick Wiseman was in attendance and was asked if there was a way to enforce to the public the importance of keeping the grass clippings out of the storm drains. This will be forwarded to the Street Committee.

Chief Herpstreith was asked if there has been any progress on the Memorial Yard for the Police Department; he reported he has a second draft drawn up.

### **FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE**

Former Fire Chief Hackney had asked that the False Alarm Ordinance be an agenda item due to the difficulty of tracking the number of false calls. Acting Fire Chief Crews stated he had reviewed the Ordinance and does not think it needs changed at this time.

### **SALE OF SCBAS**

Acting Fire Chief Crews stated the Department has several self-contained bottles of air they will never use as they do not meet standards but he will keep some for training. He advised when the Department hosted the Regional Training he realized other areas could utilize them. He stated he would keep some for training but would like to sell the extra to Mt. Auburn and other areas for \$1.00. He spoke with City Clerk Peabody who informed him an ordinance would be needed.

He was asked if there should be a hold harmless agreement written and how much would this equipment be worth if it was sold. He advised the equipment would not be worth anything and the attorney would include any language needed in the Ordinance to protect the City.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to sell the self-contained bottles of air to Mt. Auburn and any other area community if interested for \$1.00 per community. Motion carried 4-0.

### **TORNADO SIREN REPAIRS**

Acting Fire Chief Crews advised the tornado siren at Bishop Cove did not work. Alderman Walters asked how the Department knows if the sirens are working or not; he was advised the computer screen lights up red when not working.

The sirens were installed in September 2006, four sets of batteries have been changed, the remaining sets are 6 1/2 years old; the dependable life cycle is three years. Each siren has four (4) deep cycle batteries that operate the siren if there is a power outage. Each battery costs \$94.15 each or \$376.60 per siren. The total cost to replace remaining sirens is \$1,506.40. The funds for the batteries have been coming from the City ESDA line item of the Fire Department budget.

Acting Fire Chief Crews advised the Committee Griffin that Tower Connection from Decatur had a contract to do all the repairs on the sirens originally but Captain Goodall has been doing the repairs for about the last 4 ½ years to keep the operating costs down. He also stated Captain Goodall has been doing these repairs on his own time using his own equipment. Alderman Jones asked how he was able to work on the sirens as they are several feet high; he stated he has his own equipment. There was some concern regarding him using his own equipment. Street Superintendent Dick Wiseman stated the Street Department has the equipment and they could assist Captain Goodall if needed.

There is going to be a two day class that Acting Fire Chief Crews would like to send Captain Goodall to for siren repairs. The cost would be approximately \$900.00 but he doesn't have all the information on the class yet. The Committee thanked Captain Goodall for repairing the sirens and advised this will be an agenda item on next month's agenda.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of 16 batteries from Interstate All Battery Center at a cost of \$1,506.40. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- Advised the Department had normal training sessions and additional training for building construction, Environmental Emergencies, Ladder Raises and High-rise Operations. The Department had High Rise Training for six days at Park Glen, using smoke on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. He stated it was a tremendous training session and they now have a good baseline of how to respond. Alderman Burtle was thanked for all of his help during this training session.
- Ambulance/Non-Resident Fee Revenue: \$1,918.75
- Had Regional Training
- Christian County Disaster Drill which was held at the station had twenty five organizations attend
- Completed Spring Cleaning at the station which includes carpet cleaning, painting, buffing floors and ground maintenance.
- Had Dive Training at the YMCA from June 4-6<sup>th</sup>. He is exploring a partnership with Montgomery County Dive Team, similar to the Hazardous Materials Team.
- Currently pursuing an IFSI Cornerstone Grain Rescue Operations Class
- Next month they will have dark water training at the Lake
- Listed upcoming Public Education Activities
- Total Calls for May: 108 YTD Calls: 332

SAFER Firefighter Kirk Rainey has completed the academy, Hazardous Materials Operations and Technician A. Al Fox received a shoulder injury and was unable to complete the academy; he will return in September. He will attend LLCC, Springfield PD EMT-B Course beginning June 6, followed by the Paramedic Class. Both firefighters are working their assigned shifts.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Acting Fire Chief Crews advised he will be unavailable for next month's Emergency Services Committee Meeting, Captain Goodall will be attending.

Alderman Burtle thanked Acting Fire Chief Crews for the training at Park Glen stating that the residents feel safer since the firefighters have been there for training.

Jeff Nolen has been approved by ATF and is ready to assist Melrose for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Jim Hafliger with Natural Resources will come to inspect and approve the area.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

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Shawn Burtle, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee