

EMERGENCY SERVICES

October 3, 2013

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Koonce
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters
Shirley Sams

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

TPD REPEATER ANTENNA

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Department has had radio clarity issues. He has had two radio service companies look over the system and both agree the repeater antenna needs replaced. The antenna is situated on the roof of Hershey Towers and is one of the highest points on the building. The antenna has taken numerous lightning strikes and the age is approximately 16-18 years. They have a temporary system in place. He requested quotes from three companies but only received two.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a repeater antenna from Advanced Communications at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00. Motion carried 4-0.

TCUSD RADIO PROPOSAL

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Department replaced their radios and went to P-25 compatible radios when the County Sheriff's Office was awarded a communication grant. He was asked if the Department could sell the old non P-25 compliant radios to other agencies; he can however most agencies want P-25 compatible radios.

He has been conducting "Code Red" drills at the schools in town; three of the schools have been completed to date. The administration has limited communication access to teachers, coaches, etc. that may have students away from the main building such as during Physical Education. He would like to provide the old portable radios to Taylorville H.S, Taylorville Jr. High, North, Memorial, Vision Way, and St. Mary's. The Taylorville School District, Vision Way, and St. Mary's will be responsible for the reprogramming costs of the radios to their appropriate frequencies, and it will be the Administrators or Principals of the schools that will decide who will receive the radios.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to direct City Clerk Peabody to prepare an Ordinance to sell the portable radios to the Taylorville School District, Vision Way and St. Mary's for \$1.00. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Monthly calls for service from 9/1/13 to 9/30/13- 1,702
- Monthly calls for service from 1/1/13-9/30/13- 16,646
- Department did a Sex Offender Compliance Check
- Recruit Officer Mense graduated from Police Training Institute on September 26th
He began Field Training Program and will continue training while on Probationary Status

- Conducted drills with the TCUSD schools
- Sent several warning letters for disorderly house ordinances
- There have been several traffic issues at Memorial School, North School and the Jr. High
- Did not receive the 2013 COPS Hiring Grant- There were only five cities in Illinois that were chosen.

Chief Herpstreith attended a training session regarding concealed carry and the medical use of marijuana. He advised there will be new regulations due to the use of marijuana, as currently any amount of drugs in the system results in a D.U.I.; this will be changed for individuals that are ill and receive the drug.

DIRECT POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION TO ADJUST HIRING RULES

Fire Chief Crews discussed changing the hiring rules for the Fire Department to require the applicants to be paramedics at the time of hire as it would be cost effective for the City. He stated the way things are done now the City pays for the paramedic training and while they are getting their clinical training done the shift position has to be covered. Chief Crews advised the current eligibility list expires in a year and the next person on the eligibility list has his paramedic license.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Fire and Police Commission recommending that the hiring rules be changed to require that the applicants for Firefighter have their Paramedic License before applying for the position. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report

- Each shift participated in normal training and additional training classes included:
Hazardous materials Level B dress out with tasks
Hose advances
- Regional training was conducted by the TFD instructors for each county fire department. The course was a confidence course.
- The Department hosted the Div. 50/56 Christian/Montgomery County Haz Mat Team
- He and Captain Goodall visited the IFSI academy to observe Firefighter Fox on three occasions
- He and Captain Goodall attended the Cen II Fire Chiefs meeting in Springfield
- The Department covered the THS Bonfire
- On Nov. 9th the Department will host an IFSI Grain Bin Rescue course
- Firefighters Rentfrow and Romadka both passed their State Boards on Hazardous Materials Tech B
- Firefighters Ramadka and Reid completed the 40 hour Rope Operations; they will instruct the course to the other Department members.
- Three firefighters recently attended Tornado Siren Training Classes

Chief Crews advised each member of the Department with a designated service area has been given their individual budget spreadsheets that contain their operating budget, performance goals and meeting dates with him. He also advised that Jon Wamsley is still doing maintenance and repairs on the Department's equipment. He prepares a Maintenance and Repair Report which indicates the type of repairs he did, the amount of time it took him to do it, whether he is on or off duty, and the cost of what this repair would have cost had they hired someone outside the department do the work. Chief Crews advised that this continues to save the City money, and Firefighter Adermann is preparing a Wellness Program for the Department.

Chief Crews also discussed implementing a performance standard with the Union Members in which the Department would have Quarterly Endurance Tests; the tests would require fifteen minutes of strenuous exercises. He advised the Union Members were all on board with this recommendation and that Management would be required to do the testing also.

October is Fire Prevention month. The Fire Department Open House will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M. They will have several fire extinguisher classes scheduled and will be hosting Fire Prevention Week all week during the week of October 8th; the preschool kids will be present on October 8, 9, and 10 from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Chief Crews invited everyone to stop by.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee