

EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 4, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Brown
Alderman Olive
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Driskell

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Chief Wheeler
Chief Adermann
Assistant Chief Childers
Clerk Lilly

Alderman Wilson
Alderman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Treasurer Hamell

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 170 Total Calls
- Water Department CPR and Safety Class
- New Firefighter Andrew Watson exceeding expectations
- Fire Prevention Month; education to local pre-schools; school fire drills
- October Storm: same conditions as December 1, 2018 Tornado; damage in Clarksdale/South
- Participated in Halloween Bash with Police Department
- 237.66 training hours in various topics

ADDITIONAL K-9 UNIT

Chief Wheeler spoke of the need to consider a second K-9 Unit to assist with the night shift. Officer Alwerdt is presently on day shift with the current K-9. There is a considerable amount of drug traffic on Route 48. A new law impacting detention time of twelve minutes has impacted the ability to hold someone without probable cause; the K-9 can give that probable cause.

Deputy Chief Childers has compiled estimates for the cost of a new K-9, along with the equipment and training needed. An older squad car could be utilized, but equipment and in-car kennel are estimated at \$5,000 - 6,000; at-home kennel and concrete \$500.00 - 800.00; training at State Police Facility in Pawnee \$1,000.00; and \$6,000.00 for the dog through a handler in Sangamon County. All in cost is approximated at \$15,000.00. Additional yearly costs would include food and vet bills. The dog has a useful life of 8-10 years. Another handler would be required to have this K-9 on staff on the night shift.

Chief Wheeler believes there are grants that could assist in covering these costs. He has applied for a grant from Ameren for \$2,500.00, and will continue to seek other grant opportunities. A list will be placed in the department to seek interest in the potential future handler opportunity.

ERT FUNDRAISER

Chief Wheeler stated that an individual donor had funded the purchase of helmets for the Emergency Response Team. The Team is thankful for this. They are planning to host a steak dinner fundraiser in the Spring to raise money for future equipment purchase for this team.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

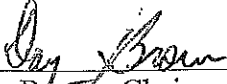
- Community Drug Take-back program yielded over 360 pounds of medication for destruction
- Community Action Team/Emergency Response Team conducted 4 search warrants; several arrests
- IDOT Grants for speed enforcement
- Spooks and Scoops and Monster Bash events were held
- K-9 Officer interdiction school to work Route 48
- 720 Incidents in month of October; theft is most reported crime with the most arrests
- Community Action Team/Operation Ice Cap yielded 9 arrests for drugs
- \$105,000.00 Grant has been awarded to the City for Safe Passage Program/to fight drugs/community outreach

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry informed the Committee that there will be a Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the Scope of the Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets Grant. Benton and Associates will be present to discuss options for the City.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.



Doug Brown, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee