

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 7, 2024

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Bryant  
Alderman Mitchelson

## ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Chief Adermann  
Chief Wheeler  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Alderman Brown  
Superintendent Mann  
Clerk Richardson  
Alicia Mayes  
Valerie Miles

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

## MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Mitchelson to recommend to City Council to approve Purchase of two Computers not to exceed \$6,000.00. Motion Carried 4-0.

## FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

- Calls for October –189
- Training for October- 280+ man hours
  - High Rise Drills
  - Paramedic Quizzes
  - 4 Gas Monitoring
  - NFPA 470
  - Volunteer Drills
  - Physical Fitness
  - Abdominal Trauma
  - FAE
  - Water Supply
  - Donning/Doffing
  - Driver Training
  - Sexual Harassment
  - CEU's
- Fire Prevention Month and Community Activities- Community CPR September & October, Fire Drills at local schools, and preschool visits (Over 300 Children attended). Huge thank you to the library for their help with activities. Chillifest Emergency Action Plan Review, Christian County Mental Health Fire Safety Talk with Staff and clients, Visited Head Start twice, attended Head Start resource fair, Homecoming and Halloween parades, attended TMH truck or treat, Annual Halloween Bash with TPD, Radio Interview to promote Fire Prevention Month, Fire vs. Police Basketball Game. Next year will be Police vs. Fire wrestling match.
- Member Updates-Luke Millan graduated Fire Academy. New Volunteers- Colton Kalka, Hunter Gerlick, and Tate Thomas.
- Jeff Latz Training-Instruction on Fire Suppression Systems and elevator rescues.
- First Annual First Responder Appreciation Dinner-County Wide Dinner. Special thanks to Optomist Club and Barry Family for putting this on for everyone.
- September Inspections included Eleven (11) solar inspections, and one (1) medical facility inspection were completed. October Inspections included one (1) mobile food truck, one (1) bar, one (1) County Jail, and thirteen (13) solar inspections.
- New Illinois Fire Inspector Association Division- This will allow downstate departments to work together for code and inspection assistance.
- Solar Farm Route 48-Walked through with site personnel and Fire Code requirements and vegetation plan.
- 911 Board News- Update to Dispatch Software. We will transition from current notification app to a more advanced version. 911 Board picked up set up costs and a portion of our annual fee for the next

five years. The new system will help county wide identify if responders are getting pages and responding.

- Chief Dan Bland resigned from the board.
- Station Solar- We will receive a bill quarterly from our solar company. Homefield/Ameren Bill will still be monthly (appx. \$85.11 per month). Last Bill was \$744.72 for 3 months of electricity. 2024 July Electricity Bill for both was \$362.39 compared to 2023 July Electricity Bill which was \$1,804.34.
- Code Updates- Chief Adermann discussed updating the ICC codes as they often work hand in hand with Fire Code and Life Safety Codes.
- Upcoming- Angel Tree Sign Ups will start on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Follow our Facebook Page for more info.

### **ILFOP LEGAL DEFENSE**

Chief Wheeler discussed the option for Legal Defense Coverage through Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. The coverage cost \$72.00 per officer, per year. Alderman Bryant and Alderman Mitchelson confirmed the City is covered and the officer should be responsible for any supplemental coverage.

### **TASERS**

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to recommend to City Council to approve the purchase of 24 tasers without the warranty option in a 5-year agreement for \$22,938.08 annually. Motion Carried 4-0.

### **NEW VEHICLE**

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to City Council to approve the purchase of a 2021 Charger AWD V8 with the police package installation \$26,585.00, and to waive all statutory bidding requirement. Motion Carried 4-0.

### **UPDATE ON PROPOSED GRANTS**

Chief Wheeler discussed a grant he has applied for from Illinois Department of Public Health.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

- Total Patrol Hours: 730
- Total Number of Patrol Service Calls: 1447
- Number of ongoing investigations: 7
- Traffic stops conducted: 346
- Citations issued: 84
- DUI arrests: 6
- Reckless Drivers: 24
- Notable Incidents: Possession of Child Porn/Distribution, Overdoses (2) non-fatal, one narcotic search warrant, and pending narcotic investigations.
- Revenue: \$4,000.00 in Tow Releases
- Community Engagement- Neighborhood Watch Program and Halloween Party.
- Overall Crime Rate: The Crime rate has decreased by 28% compared to last year.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

No one addressed the committee.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjournment at 7:03 P.M.

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Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee