

EMERGENCY SERVICES

August 5, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Brown
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Wheeler
Fire Chief Adermann
Alderman Budd
Alderman Wilson
Andrea Conrath

HBO Goodall
Treasurer Hamell
Superintendent Mann
Superintendent Tennant
Valerie Miles
Crystal Nichols

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls: July - 149
- Training Hours: July -146 hours
- Assisted at the County Fair along with other departments
- Public Education: Participated in several events including CPR, VFW Car Show, VFW ride, hosted a blood drive
- Inspections: Chief Adermann discussed inspections completed at the courthouse and an apartment area on the square. He voiced concerns for fire safety between buildings around the square, explaining several fire safety features have been removed by various owners throughout the years. Currently there are not any required inspection permits for new or remodeled buildings. Alderman Driskell discussed using a separate BDD fund to assist with infrastructure needs.
- EMS Meeting at TMH: Discussed concerns moving into fall, increased call volume, and increased Covid19 cases
- Tailgate and Tall Boys: Midland Fire decided not to handle the event this year, shared responsibility in some calls received, issues with the Fireworks Permit. Chief Adermann advised procedures are being put into place to ensure the event owner's and vendors follow proper protocol moving forward.
- Chief Adermann had a shout out to Volunteer Colin Ayers for taking it upon himself to attend a Basic Operations Firefighter Class. He advised Colin started in the Explorers Program.
- Tactical Casualty Combat Care: TPD held a 3-day class with several area agencies.
- New Squad Update: Final inspection is August 26th. Delivery is approximately one week later.
- Interesting Call: Airplane field landing
- Toddler that TFD attended to previously is doing well, walking, and starting to talk.

SAFE PASSAGE

Chief Wheeler advised he is applying for a grant involving Safe Passage Program. This grant is geared towards community outreach rather than individuals coming in for addiction help. Safe Passage is currently funded through private donations and fund raisers. The grant will provide salaries for both coordinators, but they must be City employees. The topic will be revisited if the grant is awarded. The account for Safe Passage Program is being moved from the First Presbyterian Church to Davis Memorial Christian Church.

ZERO INTEREST LOAN

Chief Wheeler explained Lt. Toberman was not available to discuss this item. He will add to a future agenda.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service- Information was unknown at time of meeting
- CAD system – still a learning process
- Terminating all but 3 licenses with Mobile Sync in September
- Several training classes coming up in the next few months pending Covid19 guidelines.
- Spike in retail theft last weekend due to crowds from the Dirt Riders event.
- Officer Wells on light duty until September after having surgery.
- Officer Dickey on light duty until August 18th after injury sustained during K-9 demo at the fair.

- Officer Bolinger has been reassigned to a platoon to cover shifts.
- Two potential candidates for the September Academy.
- Provided update on two homicide cases.
- Officers have voiced concerns in having to assist Sheriff's Office with calls due to them being short staffed.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Wilson advised there are three items bypassing his Committee and going straight to City Council:

1. Special Permit for the Homecoming Parade to take place on September 22, 2021
2. Approve engineering agreement with B&A for \$1,800 for the preparation of the Safe Routes To School 2021 Grant Application.
3. Approve going out for bid for the street improvements to Illini Drive and Franklin Street.

Alderman Budd asked Chief Wheeler for an update on the Marina case. Chief Wheeler advised evidence is still being gathered and there will be enough to move forward with the case.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Doug Brown, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee