

EMERGENCY SERVICES

August 6, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Dennis

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Chief Adermann
Clerk Richardson
Chief Wheeler
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Brown
Jim Powers

Alderman Hagan
Alderman Budd
Keith Boston
Kayla McGraw
Lisa Abernathy
Tim McCardle
Alicia Mayes

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to recommend to the City Council to Purchase Turnout Gear at a cost of \$3,693.00. Motion Carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Adermann discussed training, upcoming 9/11 Commemorative Event, explorer post, fire engine update, public education, IDNR donation, Solar Code, and Inspections and Codes. Dylan Glasscock has joined the department. We received kudos from SAINTS flight for the department's response.

Jim Powers spoke in regards to the speeding on North Cherokee Street. He is concerned about the safety of the citizens in the area. He seen a child almost get hit by a speeding vehicle.

DISCUSSION OF FIRST OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION FOR TIMELY PAID ORDINANCE VIOLATION

Clerk Richardson discussed the current ordinance language for first offense timely payment. This matter will be referred to the next Ordinance Committee Meeting in August for further discussion.

DISCUSS FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF TWO POLICE OFFICERS POSITIONS

This item was discussed in the Personnel Committee Meeting. No further action was taken.

ANNUAL IACP CONFERENCE-OCTOBER 24-27

Chief Wheeler discussed the upcoming International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference (IACP) in Orlando, Florida, where he has been invited to speak.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to recommend to the City Council to approve IACP Conference Expense for Chief Wheeler not to exceed \$1,800.00. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE OF TRAINING AMMUNITION

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to recommend to the City Council to Purchase Training Ammunition at the cost of \$2,128.96. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Chief Wheeler discussed the aging fleet and the need for 2 new police vehicles.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to purchase three police vehicles and equip them at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the DOJ, Traffic Revenue Funds and Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSS AND APPROVAL OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

This item was included in the above motion. No further action taken.

POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Wheeler gave his monthly report which included 1560 patrol calls, 381 traffic stops, and \$3,000.00 in tow releases. The department has an Ice Cream Event at LP Coffee & Creamery August 7, 2026 5:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

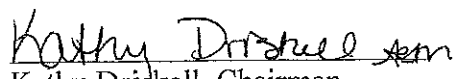
Alderman Dennis asked about positive feedback on the speed sign on Bidwell.

Alderman Hagen questioned Chief Wheeler on the subject matter he would be speaking about at the IACP Conference. She also thanked Chief Wheeler for his recognition of Jack Brown.

Alderman Budd addressed Chief Wheeler regarding North School safety concerns. Many drivers are on their cell phones, speeding, passing crossing guards and busses. He would like to see this matter taken seriously so no child is harmed as a result of this reckless driving.

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

Meeting adjournment at 6:55 P.M.


Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee