

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

September 4, 2025

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Bryant  
Alderman Dennis

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Chief Adermann  
Chief Wheeler  
Treasurer Nichols  
Alderman Budd  
Clerk Richardson  
Kirsten Nelson  
Officer Kater

Alderman Skultety  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Brown  
Alicia Mayes  
Tim McCardle  
Superintendent Mann  
Officer Kissel  
Officer Peddycoart

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

### FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

- Calls for August- 229
- Training-339+ man hours (Including-12/15 Leads, NIBP, Blood Borne Pathogens, VMO Re Cert, Pre Plans, Rescue Jacks, Drafting, SCBA, Rescue Jacks, Aerial, Physical Fitness, Car Seat Checks, Pre Plans, AED, Haz Mat, and EMS CBU's)
- Member Spotlight-Colin Ayers and Austin Hoehn are now officially Paramedics, Tate Thomas started the Academy in Belleville
- Pub Ed-Meet the Machines, Health and Safety Fair, Fire Extinguisher and First Aid at THS all day, Car Seat Check with Optimist, Head Start to TPD, Firefighter for a Day, National Night Out, and Community CPR
- Inspections-5 Solar Inspections and 1 Plan Review
- Special Events Covered-Assisted Norfolk Southern with disabled train, JFL Games, and the Combine Demos
- New Monitors are now in service and an asset
- Grain Bin Response- TFD responded to Blue Mound Incident as well as Ohlman. Grain Bin Operation Class will be held next year for safety awareness.
- Taylorville will be the First Site in Illinois for the School of EMS.

### PURCHASE OF 2 VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wheeler gave a list of the current fleet. He stated the aging vehicles need to be replaced as the maintenance cost continue to increase. He is requesting to purchase two (2) additional vehicles at a cost of \$121,406.00, which includes the marking of the vehicles from Lilly Signs. Chairman Driskell asked if the expense was in his budget. Chief Wheeler explained he does not have enough funds in his current budget to cover both vehicles. He was fortunate enough to utilize grants for vehicles previously. However, the grants are not currently available. Treasurer Nichols stated he does not have the funds for two vehicles. She suggests getting one for this year as there are funds for one vehicle. Clerk Richardson stated an Ordinance for the sale of the aged vehicles will need to be prepared. Chairman Driskell inquired as to why the vehicles are often left running while the

officers are not in them. Chief Wheeler explained the computers and cameras must reboot and that can often take time that may not be beneficial to the officers if they must go out on a call urgently. Alderman Olive believes we should approve the purchase of one vehicle and look for grants to cover the second requested vehicle at that time. Alderman Dennis asked if the maintenance cost was for the fiscal year. Chief Wheeler confirmed it was for the current fiscal year.

Motion by Alderman Dennis and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to Approve the Purchase of One (1) 2025 Ford Explorer with the amount not to exceed \$62,000.00 to be paid out of the Equipment Line Item (010-5-210-830). Motion Carried 3-1.

#### TRAINING

Chief Wheeler discussed the training budget. He sent a couple officers to instructor school to conduct training for our officers. Chief Wheeler has been asked to speak at IML Conference in Florida.

#### USE OF EQUIPMENT (VEST & TASER) FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

Chief Wheeler discussed the use of City Equipment including protective vest and tasers for secondary employment. Alderman Bryant believes it needs removed from the ordinance if we are not going to enforce the requirement to sign an Indemnification document. The Police Contract Article 29 D. states "The Officer will not use City resources, time, or equipment." Chairman Driskell stated it is the employer's responsibility to provide the required equipment. Kirsten Nelson offered a suggestion of using aged out equipment currently available to be sold to the officers for their secondary employment. Alderman Bryant inquired as to why City equipment was used against the Police Contract's specification? Chief Wheeler explained it should not have happened.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to direct the City Attorney and/or City Clerk to Prepare an Ordinance to Sell the Expired Tasers and Protective Equipment to Officers. Motion Carried 4-0.

#### POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

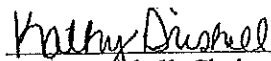
- Number of Patrol Service Calls: 1374
- Traffic Stops Conducted: 303
- Revenue: \$2,500.00 Tow Releases, and \$6,000.00 Grant awarded for a camera on the square.
- Notable Incidents: Jack Greene (dispatcher) resigned, Michael Lavin joined the force, Podcast with WCIA again in October, James Eiskant was sentenced to 17 years in IDOC for sex crime against a child, Lacey Austin was sentenced to six years for methamphetamine charges, and conducted a grand jury. Crime is down and the community is coming together to help the police department. Several bicycles have been given away.
- Community Engagement- Several community outreach opportunities as well as gearing up for another Halloween gathering.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Skultety raised concerns regarding adherence to ethical standards and the decision-making process within the City. He expressed that certain actions and communications may undermine the authority of the City Council and its committees. As an example, he noted that members of the police department had been advised to purchase protective equipment that did not meet current standards, with additional comments overheard by two Alderman from the Mayor directed at the police officers in attendance during this meeting suggesting that the use of existing compliant equipment could go unnoticed. Additionally, he stated that Superintendent Mann did not follow the proper process regarding Seasonal Employees. The Mayor responded to these concerns, disagreeing with the characterization of the events. The discussion became heated, Chairman Driskell regained control of the meeting and proceeded to bring the discussion to a close.

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

Meeting adjournment at 6:53 P.M.

  
Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee