

EMERGENCY SERVICES

April 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Alderman Lanzotti

Owen Lasswell
Bill Beatty
Shirley Sams

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

PURCHASE OF 2 REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Hile to purchase two computers at a cost of \$1,604.50 each for a total of \$3,209.00 from Computer Techniques Inc. This total covers all costs from start to finish including having all programs installed. Motion carried 3-0 with 1 abstention.

PARKING AROUND MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ALLEY BEHIND

Chairman Dorchinecz discussed the parking issues around the Municipal Building and alley behind the building. The Police Department was having issues with cars parking in the alley, Police Chief Hile advised his concern was the police vehicles being blocked in when they need to leave for a call. He advised he had contacted the owners of businesses located on the North Side of the square as at times delivery trucks had been stopping in the alley, but since he has talked with the businesses there hasn't been a problem.

SPEED/RADAR SIGNS

Chairman Dorchinecz discussed the use of speed/radar signs on busy streets throughout the City to slow down traffic. He recommends having a sign with cameras placed in high traffic areas such as Main Cross to slow traffic and issue speeding tickets. Police Chief Hile stated when signs were placed on Mt. Auburn Road it did slow down the traffic. He advised there are many legal issues associated with these signs. For example, a picture is taken of the license plate, but it is hard to prove who was actually driving the vehicle.

Chairman Dorchinecz stated he would have City Attorney Romano check into the legalities of this system.

QUOTE FOR FIRE ENGINE

Chief Crews advised the Taylorville Fire Protection District will be discussing purchases for the Fire Department. Chairman Dorchinecz advised he recommends that the Emergency Services Committee Members attend the May 16th Taylorville Fire Protection District Meeting, held in the Taylorville Fire Station. He will contact City Attorney Romano to assist City Clerk Lilly in preparing a meeting notice for this meeting.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to obtain quotes for a new Fire Engine. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Chief Crews presented the FY 2018/2019 Fire Department budget to the Committee. He advised the date of the budget should be FY 2018/2019 Fire Department Budget Review, and to change the amount on the bottom of the page to read ***** Operations budget reduces \$29,000.00 from FY17/18.

After discussion the Committee asked that the City Clerk be directed to place approval for the Fire Chief to apply for a SAFER Grant on the next City Council Agenda as the process needs to get started as soon as possible.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY 2018/2019 Fire Department Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF AMBULANCE FRIVOLOUS CALLS ORDINANCE

The Committee advised City Attorney Romano would be contacted to re-draft the Ambulance Frivolous Calls Ordinance. No action at this time.

WAIVE TAYLORVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PAYMENT DUE TO CITY FOR 2016 TAX YEAR (FY 2017/2018)

Fire Chief Crews advised the Taylorville Fire Protection District rescinded the motion to use the 2016 Tax Year (FY 2017/2018) funds for tow vehicles at their March 28th meeting to purchase SCBA cylinders instead.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to waive the Fire Protection District Contribution towards payments due to the City for the FY 2016/2017 Tax Year (FY 2017/2018) to use the funds on SCBA cylinders instead of using for A tow vehicle, which had been approved earlier. Motion carried 4-0.

WAIVE TAYLORVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRACT FEE FOR FY 2018/2019 FOR PURCHASE OF SCBA CYLINDERS

No action taken at this time.

APPROVAL OF INTERSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Beatty, Lincoln Land Community College was present to discuss implementing a Firefighter Internship Program with the Taylorville Fire Department for the Satellite Campus Communities of Taylorville, Jacksonville, Chatham and Litchfield. The start frame for this proposal is the 2018 Spring Semester.

Fire Chief Crews supports this program stating there are currently three members of the Department that went through the Explorer Program and stayed local; three others went into the career fire service. Although the Explorers is a different program, the internship will provide a stronger ownership working closer with staff at the collegiate level. He advised he has spoken with Fire Chief Henning at the Quincy Fire Department, who advised 100% of their interns have done well on the Quincy Fire Department hire test. Chief Henning's also advised there were very minimal costs associated with the internship. Mr. Beatty advised upon completion of the 1 ½ semester course the students would be certified through the State Fire Marshalls Office.

Chief Crews has discussed the internship with the Board of Fire and Police Commission who has stated students completing this course would receive three points similar to the veteran point system, he feels this will increase the pool of local candidates.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to proceed with implementing a Firefighter Internship Program with Lincoln Land Community College with Fire Chief Crews recommendations. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF CONTINUITY GOVERNMENT PLAN

Chief Crews presented the Committee with a copy of a Continuity Government Plan stating the City does not have a plan in place. The intent of the plan is to outline the preservation, maintenance, or reconstruction of government's ability to carry out constitutional authorities and responsibilities during times of crisis and /or throughout events that may affect the seat of constitutional government.

Chairman Dorchinecz asked that everyone review the Continuity of Government plan presented by Fire Chief Crews and asked Fire Chief Crews to present a copy to all Superintendents to review.

Alderman Vota advised of a correction on page 7 to mirror what is in place by State Statute. This issue will be discussed at a future Emergency Services Committee Meeting for corrections and approval.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls – 157
- Business Inspections- 8
- Training- Clinic, SCBA, Hose Deployment
- Severe Weather Review
- The Department received a EOC Grant/WEB EOC which is for software, for the Emergency Operations Center at the Fire Station. The equipment has arrived.
- Planning for an active shooter drill in the late Spring/early Summer
- Ambulance is running heavily
- Severe Weather Conference

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Crews reported the new hire is doing very well, he presented the Committee with a copy of the ambulance survey form to review.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee