

EMERGENCY SERVICES

August 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Wheeler
Deputy Chief Childers
Fire Chief Adermann
Alderman Budd

Mickie Erhardt
Andrea Conrath
Mike Mann
Andy Goodall
Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

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

NEW CAD SYSTEM

Police Chief Wheeler discussed purchasing a new CAD System. The County is in the process of building a new CAD and Records Management System and he is recommending the City be included in the new network system. The system is very costly, there are currently five agencies included in the system. The five agencies are all informed of what is going on at the same time which drastically cuts down response time. The system has a GPS system in the vehicles and has a very robust reporting system. He explained if allowed to be included in the network, there would be a five-year contract. The cost is more the first year then declines the following years: Year (1) \$13,000 (2) \$15,000.00 (3) \$8,000.00 (4) \$5,000.00 (5) \$5,000.00. He is recommending to keep one license with mobile sync at a cost of \$570.00 as a back-up. He discussed different ways to fund this project, explaining if the City does not join in the network now, it would cost a lot more money.

Christian County 9-1-1 Director, Mickie Erhardt was present to discuss how the new system will work. There are currently five Police Agencies that are in the system, which connects all the jurisdictions together. There is a GPS system which shows Mickie where everyone is located. They are in the process of building a new network; she would need to know if the City wants to be added within the next 60 days. She advised the ambulance services are also going to be implemented into the system. Fire Chief Adermann advised the Fire Department will be asking to be included as well. Mickie advised 9-1-1 will issue the payment for the system and a Memorandum of Understanding will have to be entered into with each entity.

Chairman Driskell is all for joining the network but this is a bad time financially for the City.

Mickie advised it would be a huge benefit to 9-1-1 to have the City in their system. Finance Chairman Budd asked if she could wait until September to allow time to research funding. She would discuss this with the Board. Andy Goodall, Chairman of the Emergency Telephone Systems Board; advised the system will go live in March. Mayor Barry does not think the City is ready to consolidate dispatch areas at this time but it seems it could happen at some time in the future.

More discussion regarding the CAD system will be forwarded to the September 3, 2020 Emergency Services Committee, which would then be addressed at the Tuesday, September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting.

SRO UPDATE

Officer Bollinger completed her School Resource Officer training in Indiana due to COVID. The school wants the Officers to start on August 17, 2020. The school will still be paying 75% of the two Officers wages, they will return to the work force during school breaks.

GRANT UPDATE

Chief Wheeler presented the Committee with a printout of current and past grant funds received. FY 2019-2020 brought in \$66,835.00. This year he has received \$22,579.16, with \$31,071.54 pending grants and there are more grants he plans to apply for.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-1531
- Meth continues to be a problem. From June 2018-June 2019 there were 22 arrests, from June 2019-June 2020 there were 112 arrests. The thefts for the same time frame went from 103 arrests to 81.
- August 7, 2020 is Detective Rob Thomason's last day. Officer Christopher Adams has been chosen to be the new detective. Chief Wheeler, Deputy Chief Childers and Evert Nation will fill in until Officer Adams training is complete.
- Officer Jeff Wood was nominated as Officer of the Quarter
- Safe Passage-10
- Community Programs/Policing- Softball game, Juice Box Operation for kids and Clean Up Day

There has been a significant increase in calls concerning the Taylorville City Square. From June 1, 2020-August 3, 2020 there were 69 calls for service, 30 of the calls were attributed to breach of peace issues ranging from noise complaints to aggravated battery fight calls. Deputy Chief Childers advised the Department is monitoring the situation and it will be resolved.

TRUCK 1 MAINTENANCE

Chief Adermann advised he is spacing out the truck maintenance fees. Engine 1 needs to have preventative maintenance done now; he provided the Committee with a listing of the repair costs from Global Emergency Products. They have changed hands and are now McQueen. The estimated cost is \$2,350.00 for Aerial Maintenance, Annual Maintenance of engine, chassis and torque box. Chairman Driskell asked if they should include a not to exceed price in the motion to cover repair work needed. The Committee agreed to not put a specific amount for repairs.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to proceed with Preventative Maintenance with McQueen and to proceed with any needed repairs on Engine 1. Motion carried 4-0.

KNOX BOX PURCHASES

Fire Chief Adermann advised there are 110 Knox boxes registered in Taylorville, and each is issued a code. There are a few homes that have Knox boxes but all Commercial buildings are required to have a Knox box.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to purchase two new Knox boxes from Knox at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00. Motion carried 4-0.

AIR CONDITIONER ISSUES

No action needed, Fire Chief Adermann advised Alderman Olive took care of the problem.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-135 including 7 fires (5 structure fires, 1 car and 1 cooking)
- Received a FEMA grant for \$880.00 for Hazmat for COVID
- Working on a grant for fire hose
- Currently using a company out of Decatur for collection fees working on switching to a Taylorville based collection agency.
- Had two cardiac arrest saves
- Engine 2 is now in service
- The Department has selected a new patch; the Fire Department was established in 1886. The patches were purchased by the Foreign Fire Tax Board.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Starting in August, the Fire Department will be taking pictures of buildings throughout town. These pictures will be forwarded to the Christian County Sheriff's Office for the upgrade to the new CAD system.

Chief Adermann advised the Department is accepting applications for the Taylorville Fire Department. He presented the Committee with information on how to apply for the Taylorville Fire Department. Orientation will be on September 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M at the Taylorville Fire Station.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee