

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

December 5, 2019

### 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  
Chris Doherty

Owen Lasswell  
Shirley Sams

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

### DRONE PURCHASE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wheeler explained the advantages of the Department getting a drone. The drone is a safety tool; if chasing someone on foot into the timber it has thermal imaging and a spot light. Officer Nate Thompson will be attending classes; there are a lot of case laws to learn. Chief Wheeler presented quotes, and advised there is a warranty that would cover 2 times if totaled; there is a \$200.00 deductible for 1<sup>st</sup> year full coverage and 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$300 deductible full coverage.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of one Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual Aircraft from Company Fire Cam, Bellevue, IL at a cost of \$4,990.00 (\$4,766.00 for Aircraft and \$224.00 for training). Motion carried 4-0.

### PURCHASE OF NEW SQUAD CAR-USDA PROGRAM

Chief Wheeler applied for a USDA Grant which will cover 55% of the total cost of a new car including equipment. He was working with a local dealership, but they were not able to provide a turn key car. The Committee asked if the car could be purchased locally then send out to get equipped. It would cost a great deal more to buy the car locally then have to send to get fully equipped. The dealership he is recommending has ordered 400 vehicles and is able to sell the vehicles at a lower cost.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of one turn key 2020 Dodge Charger from John Jones Pursuit Vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$37,978.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

School Superintendent, Dr. Chris Dougherty was present to discuss the need of a second School Resource Officer; Officer Thomas has been a wonderful asset. Officer Thomas currently is based at the High School but goes to the other schools on a rotating basis. The District is in the process of a strategic planning program and is requesting a second School Resource Officer for the Taylorville Jr. High. They are applying for grants to help cover the expenses but are proceeding with including this position in the budget. The school will pay 75% of salary and benefits. If approved, this person would not start until next school year. The Department currently has a total of 21 including the Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief and the new Officer who has just completed training. With the approval of another Officer the Department would have 22; Mayor Barry stated there were 22 when he was elected.

The Committee asked if the Department had the manpower to cover a second Officer for the schools. Chief Wheeler advised a new Police Officer in training will begin December 19, 2019 and the Board of Fire and Police Commission is in the process of establishing a new eligibility list to hire from.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to direct Mayor Barry to send a letter to the Board of Police and Fire Commission to hire a new Police Officer. Motion carried 4-0.

## **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Calls for Service-1,420
- Police Officer Testing- 6 Applicants
- Police Officers have attended several speaker meetings and several are scheduled for this month
- Will be doing classroom speaking in regards to vaping and drugs starting in January
- The Department is having two self defense classes at the Fire Station on Saturday, December 7, 2019
- The classes have filled up very quickly. They will be having the classes quarterly
- Having the Shop with a Cop Program- have received donations to help
- Traffic citations down this month due to focusing on problem areas; residents are helping the Department and several drug arrests have been made.
- Cards for Troops in December

Safe Passage is going well, Chief Wheeler advised a \$3,000.00 Grant was approved and the program will receive funds mid-January. There is a fund raiser for Safe Passage scheduled on December 14, 2019 at the Moose from 4:00-10:00 P.M.

Police Chief Wheeler provided the Committee with the Monthly Activity by Classification Report. Also provided were Traffic Citations by Officer Report and Arrests by Officer report comparing 2018/2019 totals.

## **CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT PLAN**

Fire Chief Adermann discussed the Continuity of Government Plan. Former Fire Chief Crews had asked that he proceed with getting this plan in place. He has made a couple of amendments and advised there has to be someone to make decisions if the Mayor was unavailable due to absence, injury or death, which would be only during the duration of a locally declared emergency.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to direct Mayor Barry to appoint a person as Mayor Pro-tem for the Continuity of Government Plan. Motion carried 4-0.

## **PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR**

Chief Adermann discussed the need for new turnout gear. The Foreign Fire Tax Board and the Taylorville Fire Protection District have both contributed funds to be used towards this purchase.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of 6 sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department from Mac's Fire & Safety, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$12,192.00. Motion carried 4-0.

## **VOLUNTEER APPLICATION/RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

Chief Adermann advised the volunteer applications and ride-along program are actually one issue. He is requesting to begin an apprenticeship. The State is passing a law for Apprentice Fire Fighters. If there is someone that has been a volunteer for a period of time, it would be an apprenticeship which would qualify them to obtain extra points toward getting hired. Chief Adermann stated there are already by-laws for Volunteer Firefighters in place and he has drafted an application for the Volunteer Firefighter Ride-Along Program.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- OSFM Inspector will allow our inspectors to accompany him on inspections
- School inspections are set for January
- Discussed Christmas Fire Safety with residents at Davis Memorial Christian Church
- The tornado siren at Boyd Dappert is still not working, there is no sound and limited rotation.
- Four New Hires will begin on December 9, 2019 with swearing in on December 16, 2019

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Vance Jefferies family gave the Fire Department a donation in memory of Vance; the money was given to the Volunteer Firefighters to decide what to purchase.

Chief Adermann presented a picture of a memorial at the Fire Station that will have Mr. Jefferies name engraved.

Chief Adermann advised there is a Pre-Construction meeting for the new Fire Truck in Wisconsin December 11-13, 2019. The Fire Protection District is paying to send six to attend. Alderman Olive advised he would like to attend, and Fire Chief Adermann will be contacting Dave Oldham to attend also.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee