

EMERGENCY SERVICES

February 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Lanzotti

Police Chief Hile
Alderman Jones
Alderman Budd
Clerk Lilly

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

CROSSING GUARD AT INTERSECTION OF BIDWELL AND PAWNEE

Discussion was held regarding the crossing guard at the intersection of Bidwell and Pawnee. This issue stems from the complaint of one parent who maintains that her children are late to school daily due to the stoppage of traffic for school buses. Alderman Dorchinecz has personally observed the process and has spoken with School Superintendent Dr. Fursteneau. The crossing guard is employed by the school district to stop traffic to allow children to cross at that intersection, and to provide a safe environment. Additionally, the crossing guard stops traffic for 30 seconds to a minute at a time to allow busses to enter and exit the school zone safely. The school district plans to make no changes to the system at this time, until mandated to do so. Chief Hile stated that a crossing guard is not allowed to stop traffic for traffic, only for pedestrians. It was decided that the City, in conjunction with the school district, must develop a plan should this issue continue to be raised.

PARKING IN ALLEY BEHIND MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Chief Hile discussed the issue of vehicles parking in the alley behind the Municipal Building and his concerns that police vehicles may be blocked when the need arises for them to leave the premises for a call. His concerns include businesses located on the North Side of the square, delivery drivers, and customers lined up in the alley to use the water bill drop box. It was suggested that Chief Hile make a courtesy visit to business owners to discuss the parking concerns.

PURCHASE OF 10 CHAIRS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hile is requesting to replace (10) new chairs for the squad room and Sergeant's Office that are over 10 years old. Cost per chair is \$520.00, as they are designed specifically for police and rated 24/7 with reinforced backs to accommodate the wear and tear of duty belts. Total cost for replacement chairs is \$5,200.00.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Hile to purchase (10) new chairs for the Police Department from Midwest Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$5,200.00. Motion carried (3-1).

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT DESK FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hile is requesting to purchase a desk to replace desk damaged from leak during roof repair. The contractor has agreed to pay \$600.00 towards the new desk. Cost for the desk and all other parts of the work space totals \$2,454.00, less the reimbursement, leaving the department responsible for \$1,854.00.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Hile to purchase the replacement desk and all components from Midwest Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$1,854.00. Motion carried (4-0).

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hile presented a summary of activity for 2017 to include:

- 12,400 Calls for Service
- 457 Traffic Crash Investigations
- 403 Domestic Violence Investigations
- 161 Warrant Arrests
- 2,137 Traffic Stops
- 1030 Traffic Citation
- 118 Citations for Driving Suspended/Revoked
- 321 Burglary Alarms
- 343 Welfare Checks
- 716 Lockouts
- 286 Reckless Driving Complaints
- 515 Thefts

New Recruits have graduated and are now in Field Training. Two Officers have now been released to full duty. Chief Hile is in discussion with the school district to develop a School Resource Officer to maintain a presence in the local schools. Increase in severity of methamphetamine encounters have led to increased training for control tactics.

SCBA UPDATE

Chief Crews discussed the replacement of (61) SCBA cylinders by December 2019. Cost for replacement is \$930.00/unit for total cost of \$56,730. If new harness are included, the cost is \$225,900.00. Chief Crews is exploring grants and assistance from various organization to help offset the cost.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Alderman Walters has made recommended changes to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations, and Chief Crews presented them to the Board. The Board is responsible for sending the changes to their attorney for approval. They will approach the City Council with the changes following the legal review.

PUBLIC SERVICE RESPONSE

Fire Chief Crews discussed the ongoing problem with repeat calls for lift assistance and non-emergency calls. The Fire Department has responded 21 times since last report to one residence. Per FCC rules, when a call is received from 9-1-1, the Department is required to respond, and will continue to do so until a procedure is put in place. They will analyze “non-emergency calls” to make a determination as to what constitutes this. A motion was made at a previous meeting to implement a procedure to address the repeated 9-1-1 calls for non-emergency calls. Chief Crews was advised to contact City Attorney Romano regarding this issue to inquire as to when this policy may be completed. Attorney Romano submitted a draft ordinance to address the concerns. Alderman Dorchinecz suggested that all members review the draft and return to the March Emergency Services Meeting with suggestions and improvements to the ordinance.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls: 130
- Training: Auto-Extractions at Lincoln Land Community College
SCBA Drills
Map Testing
- New hire to be sworn in on Monday; one new hire resigned; exploring a second attempt to hire
- Dive training with Midland FDP, included 10 members from Kincaid and Edinburg
- Long term plan to be distributed next week
- LLCC internship being developed

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Burtle addressed the issue of lighting at the outside entrance to the Police Department. He feels we should add additional lighting in this area, as it is very dark at night. Chief Hile has discussed this issue with Alderman Olive and they are working on some ideas to improve the area, including a digital message board in the area. This board would allow the Police Department to promote events or safety tips.

Chief Crews inquired about the escrow account that had been set up in the past for staining of the bricks at the Fire Station. When the building was constructed, there was an issue with bricks not matching, and the City was paid \$16,000.00 by the contractor for future staining. Chief Crews was interested in using this money for the purchase of the SCBA cylinders, rather than for the building. Various Aldermen expressed concerns with this as the building will, at some point, need maintenance work. The money is in a CD that matures January 2019, and is now worth \$17,468.28. The decision was made to leave the money as is for future use on Fire Station building maintenance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Walters
Alderman Jones
Asst Chief Childers
Valerie Miles
Kellie Hamell
Owen Lasswell

Police Chief Hile
Treasurer Nation
Superintendent Speagle
HR Manager Brown
Officer Reimann
Officer Dickey
City Clerk Lilly

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

PURCHASE OF RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Chairman Dorchinecz opened up the discussion regarding the speed signs. The City does have traffic control issues in certain areas of the City. His initial interest was in photo enforcement signs, such as larger cities have. Chief Hile informed the Committee that there are many legalities with signs such as these, and they are used in home rule and those with a much larger population.

Police Chief Hile discussed the need for Radar Speed signs to be placed on streets with increased traffic and known speeding, such as North Webster, Springfield Road, and Cheney Street. He has looked at other cities, such as Clinton and Effingham, who utilize pole mounted signs. These signs will collect data and statistical information. Some are also programmable with custom messages and red or blue lights. Chief Hile provided quotes and specifications for signs from several different companies. He is recommending the TC-400 from Radarsign. It is a portable sign that could be moved from pole to pole, street to street, as necessary. The main purpose of such a sign is to change behavior, not to provide video surveillance. There will still need to be patrol officers present to ticket violators. Chief Hile is requesting to purchase (1) TC-400 and place on North Webster. He will investigate lease or loaner options to allow the City to test the sign before purchasing.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Hile to purchase (1) TC-400 from Radarsign at a cost not to exceed \$3,365.00, from the equipment line item of the Police Department budget.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to table until the April meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- February has been a little slower; officers aggressively pursuing those distributing, transporting, and using illegal drugs
- School Resource Officer Program proposal is being prepared by Chief Hile to be presented to the School Board, requesting 75% of the salary to come from TCUSD3. He will be proposing that this officer have a dedicated office at both the High School and Junior High School. The officer will assist with drills, safety planning, and overall security, along with education and counseling. This has been in discussion for quite some time and is not a reaction to the event last week. He is anticipating this to be a police officer with special assignment, working with the school schedule and also other hours at the Taylorville Police Department.

- Saturday, April 28, 2018 is National Drug Take Back Day at Walgreens; TPD will participate
- TPD and TRIAD will be host a Shred Event in late May or early June; donation to food pantry will be accepted in lieu of fees
- Hours/Days of Trick-or-Treating for Halloween: brief discussion followed regarding changing the end time to 8 p.m. and possibly holding Trick-or-Treating one night only. The issue will be discussed further at a future Ordinance Committee meeting
- Weather Preparedness Event to be held March 15, with weather radio programming to follow

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

August 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters

Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

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

PURCHASE OF POLICE AMMUNITION

Chief Hile presented the annual ammunition order.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of range rounds from Howell Munitions & Technology at a cost of \$9,666.25. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of duty rounds from Kiesler's Police Supply at a cost of \$7628.21. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- There have been several drug arrests and an increase in calls.
- The Department has been working with the Illinois State Police with the investigation of the nearly 4-month-old child that sustained a skull fracture, bruising and bleeding on the brain. The ISP Investigator reported there has been a slight improvement in the infant.
- The new K-9 project with the K-9 Academy is set to begin mid-September. Officer Alwerdt is hoping to pick up the new K-9 dog the 6th or 7th of this month.
- The Department hosted ADAMAX Tactical for a three-day active shooter training on July 24, 25, and 26. The training was held at the Taylorville High School. Five of our Officers attended the training as well as people from Rochester, Mt. Zion, and Coffeen.
- The Department also hosted an ADAMAX Tactical for a three-day active shooter instructor course on August 1, 2, and 3. Our Department has three Officers going through the course. Upon completion of the course they will conduct annual training for our agency not only using the different schools as training locations but also businesses.
- Officer Nelson began his first phase of training for the ICAC Task Force which will help with his investigative skills and be able to better identify needed evidence of internet and social media crimes against children.

Alderman Budd asked with school starting to have the school area patrolled, Chief Hile advised they will and he has already been in contact with the schools. He advised the staff and officials are very pleased to have Officer Thomas in the schools for safety. Alderman Walters recommended a zero tolerance for cell phone use and is requesting that no warnings be given.

PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE

Fire Chief Crews advised he is asking to replace several feet of old worn hoses to bring all the engines up to code, which will cost \$5,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to order 2.5" hose at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

NUISANCE CALLS ORDINANCE

The Department reviewed a Draft Ordinance amending the Standard Operation Guideline: 211 Concerning the Taylorville Fire Department Ambulance Deployment and Amending the Taylorville City Code. Fire Chief Crews explained the Department is still responding to 9-1-1 calls that involve transferring an individual from taxi to house, locating their remote control and cell phone when dropped. He explained when the calls go through 9-1-1 the Department is dispatched, they don't want this person to get hurt getting from place to place but it takes a lot of time and they could be responding to those calls when an emergency occurs.

After discussion it was agreed to start assessing a \$200.00 fee for non-emergency calls and direct City Attorney Romano to make the changes as discussed by the Committee with omitting and adding language to the Draft Ordinance. The Committee asked that the individual and family members and anyone aiding in the care or transporting the individual be given information informing them this is going to take place.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to make the changes as discussed by the Committee to the Draft Ordinance amending the Standard Operation Guideline: 211 Concerning the Taylorville Fire Department, Ambulance Deployment and Amending the Taylorville City Code. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCEPT ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT

Fire Chief Crews advised the Department was awarded the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program for \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor. As a 95/5 match share the City's portion will be \$1350.00.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the City pay the five percent share in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the City's share of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Program of \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor. Motion carried 4-0.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Fire Protection District. The previous agreement dated July 15, 2009 will be terminated upon the effective date of the new Agreement.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to acknowledge and waive any Conflicts of Interest of the City Attorney representing the City and the Taylorville Fire Protection District in this Agreement and related matters thereto. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the Agreement between the City and Fire Protection District for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical and/or Rescue Services. Motion carried 4-0.

SALE OF ICOM RADIOS

Fire Chief Crews advised the Department has 17 obsolete ICOM radios he would like to place on the re-sale market at a cost of \$150.00 per radio, stating an Ordinance would have to be prepared to sell the City Equipment.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to sell 17 ICOM radios at a cost of \$150.00 per radio. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY CONTRIBUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW SPARKY THE DOG

Fire Chief Crews advised the purchase of a new Sparky the Dog was taken out of his budget, but he recently received a \$27,000.00 grant to be used for a new cardiac monitor. He is asking to use \$5,000.00 from his budget to go forward with purchasing a new Sparky the Dog. He advised Sparky the Dog is used several times throughout the year and the children always enjoy it. He will be raising funds and reaching out to others for the remainder of the cost to replace. The Committee asked what he plans to do with the old; he will donate it to the Fire Marshall's Office.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to use \$5,000.00 from Community Relation Expense Line to put towards the purchase of a new Sparky the Dog. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total of Service Calls: 165; they are currently about two weeks ahead of last year's calls for service as they hit 1000 in July this year
- Inspected 12 businesses
- Trained on the following: Pumping and drafting operations, company drills, SCBA drills, sprinklers and standpipes operations, musculoskeletal injuries and dive training.
- Participated with Christian County Fair activities
- Illinois Dept. of Public Health, EMS inspections
- IFSI Academy begins September 10th, there are two members attending
- Paramedic Class graduation for Firefighters Chausse and Holmes

Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall discussed some changes with the Charleston billing process. Currently the Department receives payment from the State which gives no explanation of benefits or reports of what the funds are for; Charleston has the software and capabilities to match who payments are for.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Walters advised he attended a Pre-Construction Meeting in Springfield regarding the Walnut Street Project which will starting on Monday, August 13th; they will be working on the project six days a week.

Alderman Olive thanked the Fire Department for assisting with the Christian County Fair, stating every year they have a program for the children and they patrol the area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 7, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall

Alderman Lanzotti
Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls- 121
- Training- Ameren Gas Emergencies, Sexual Harassment Training, Auto Extrication, Hose Testing and Ropes and Knot Training
- The Departments radios were reprogrammed for interoperability with the Police Department
- Waiting to hear about the AFG Grant
- Department participated in a Pediatric Trauma Life Support Course
- There will be an active shooter drill, the Department will be participating with the Police Department on June 30th
- Discussed the nuisance public assistance calls. The Department is still receiving numerous 9-1-1 calls to assist a resident with getting in and out of the residence.
- The Department recently did 12 business inspection reports

Chief Crews advised the Committee he wants to develop a program for the Fire Department to do inspections on multi family projects that are brought before the City for Rezones. He advised there are locations that need to be addressed regarding sprinklers etc. He discussed "The Landing" as an example. When the Department did the inspection of the building, there were several problems that needed to be addressed. The owner was very agreeable and met all the requirements and it is now a very nice safe premises.

Chief Crews discussed a reported a fuel spill located in the watershed for Lake Taylorville. A County Deputy contacted him reporting a strong smell of fuel along Rt. 29. Chief Crews notified the EPA, Hazmat Team, Cliff Frye and Water Superintendent Speagle. A small amount of diesel was flowing from an area located next to Rt. 29 onto a grass waterway that was leading to a waterway. He suspected the fuel was coming from a pipeline leak and notified the Marathon Pipeline personnel. A clay dam was installed across the grass waterway downstream from the extent of the leakage.

Marathon Pipeline personnel responded and advised the leak was not theirs. Chief Crews advised they sent several employees and equipment to help with the clean-up. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency inspected area farm buildings and found a large volume off-road diesel tank. The owner stated he had noticed a small amount of diesel on the ground, had washed the residue down, it ran into the field. The owner's insurance company was notified.

There was discussion regarding the ambulance shortage and overtime to cover the ambulance shortages. Chief Crews advised he would like the ability to hire back someone when there are only three people are on duty as they have had calls back to back; he has included \$29,000.00 in his budget to cover the expense.

He has talked with Memorial Hospital and there is a need. He would like the Department to be put into the ambulance rotation. He was advised the private ambulance services would have to be in agreement, in the past they were not.

He informed the Committee the two area ambulance services have cut back on the number of ambulances in use and has contacted them for a schedule. He has received information from one of them at this time. He stated he knows having the Taylorville Fire Departments ambulance in operation has saved lives.

Chairman Dorchinecz stated that this is going to be an economic issue, as we know from past discussions there are problems with surrounding agencies responding to calls. The Fire Department is already assisting these areas; the first priority of the Fire Department is to be available for fire calls.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING RESTRICTIONS

Police Chief Hile advised he has had calls regarding the hours of Trick or Treating to change from two nights to one. His recommendation is to keep the two nights but to shorten the time frame.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to change the hours of Trick or Treating to 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. for October 30th and October 31st. Motion carried 3-0.

QUALIFICATIONS/CODE CHANGE-POLICE SERGEANT

Chief Hile is recommending changing the minimum of years to be eligible for Sergeant from 8 years to four years. He stated this would be in line with other agencies and has also been recommended by our testing facility.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to change the minimum number of years to be eligible for Sergeant from 8 years to 4 years. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE CHANGE-POLICE INVESTIGATOR

During recent negotiations and the signing of the collective bargaining agreement with the PB&PA the position of Police Investigator/ Detective, has been changed to a special assignment rather than a promotion as of January 1, 2018. This position will no longer have to tested through the Board of Fire and Police Commission to fill. The current Investigators/Detectives which were appointed by the Board will maintain their rank.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to reflect the following changes due to the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Benevolent Labor Committee & Protective Association:

The position of Police Investigator/ Detective, has been changed to a special assignment rather than a promotion as of January 1, 2018. This position will no longer have to tested through the Board of Fire and Police Commission to fill. The current Investigators/Detectives which were appointed by the Board will maintain their rank. Motion carried 3-0.

SQUAD CAR POLICY

Currently the Officers living within the City limits are allowed to take their squad car home; the Officers living outside of City limits are not allowed to take theirs home. Police Chief Hile is recommending a provision to allow an Officer with an assignment of Detective or K-9 Officer to take their vehicle home as they respond to immediate emergency call outs. He has checked with other agencies and they have a provision for their special units/assignments. Currently the new K-9 Officer lives on S. Cherokee just outside City Limits. In some

situations, time is critical as it could negatively impact the case. The Committee asked if there was going to be two K-9 units; he stated no. The current K-9 dog is retiring at the end of the year. He stated the Department has conducted multiple searches around the Lake area, especially during the summer with all the lake traffic.

Mayor Barry stated if this policy is not changed the new K-9 Officer who lives in Timberlake Subdivision would have to drive to the Police Station get the K-9 vehicle then drive back home to get the dog. He stated it would cause other Police Officers to have to wait for him to get to the location, and time is critical in some instances; some of the Aldermen in attendance still objected.

Chairman Dorchinecz asked for a motion to allow the Detective or K-9 Officer the ability to take their police vehicles home with them outside of City Limits. There was no motion made and no action taken.

PURCHASE TWO LIDAR RADAR SYSTEMS

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE A 2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY W/AWD

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2018 UTILITY VEHICLE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE SERVICE DOG

Police Chief Hile advised the cost of a new Police Service Dog will be offset by the current fundraiser that has been organized by the new K-9 handler Officer Jeremy Alwerdt. There have also been donations made that was large enough to completely cover the cost of the dog. Chairman Dorchinecz asked if this purchase could wait until the budgets are approved. Chief Hile advised it could wait as the next class does not start until August.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Hile thanked the Committee and Mayor Barry for approving the partnership with the Taylorville School District for the hiring of the new School Resource Officer. He has contacted other agencies who currently have the program in place and will be meeting with them to get ideas and suggestions. He has also contacted the school officials; he will be meeting with them during the summer to develop a new program for the upcoming school year.
- Detective Thomason has been working on the school threat and several other ongoing cases.
- There is still ongoing work being done to combat the methamphetamine problems
- The Officers have attended several training seminars regarding Social Networking & Cellphone Investigations, Cyber Bullying & Sexting Investigations and Shooting and Crisis Management for school-based incidents.
- This summer the Department is hosting a Basic & Advanced Rapid Deployment as well as Rapid Deployment Instructor Course. These training sessions focus on active shooter situations and will be held at the Taylorville High School.
- The Department has increased traffic details and was able to demo two lidar radar units that proved to be a valuable asset.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Hile received a call from a representative of Ahlstrom's advising that due to railroad track maintenance they have to use the alternate route for the semi tractors to get to the plant. Mayor Barry has been contacted as well; all of the Railroad Crossings throughout town are having maintenance done. He asked that one of the entrances to Manners Park be open at all times.

Chief Hile advised that three individuals applied for one day permits, but residents have called in complaints for more than one day. They say they are from Ameren and want to see their bills. Ameren advised they do not go door to door; these individuals are trying to get the customer numbers. He contacted City Attorney Romano regarding this issue.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

EMERGENCY SERVICES

August 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters

Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

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

PURCHASE OF POLICE AMMUNITION

Chief Hile presented the annual ammunition order.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of range rounds from Howell Munitions & Technology at a cost of \$9,666.25. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of duty rounds from Kiesler's Police Supply at a cost of \$7628.21. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- There have been several drug arrests and an increase in calls.
- The Department has been working with the Illinois State Police with the investigation of the nearly 4-month-old child that sustained a skull fracture, bruising and bleeding on the brain. The ISP Investigator reported there has been a slight improvement in the infant.
- The new K-9 project with the K-9 Academy is set to begin mid-September. Officer Alwerdt is hoping to pick up the new K-9 dog the 6th or 7th of this month.
- The Department hosted ADAMAX Tactical for a three-day active shooter training on July 24, 25, and 26. The training was held at the Taylorville High School. Five of our Officers attended the training as well as people from Rochester, Mt. Zion, and Coffeen.
- The Department also hosted an ADAMAX Tactical for a three-day active shooter instructor course on August 1, 2, and 3. Our Department has three Officers going through the course. Upon completion of the course they will conduct annual training for our agency not only using the different schools as training locations but also businesses.
- Officer Nelson began his first phase of training for the ICAC Task Force which will help with his investigative skills and be able to better identify needed evidence of internet and social media crimes against children.

Alderman Budd asked with school starting to have the school area patrolled, Chief Hile advised they will and he has already been in contact with the schools. He advised the staff and officials are very pleased to have Officer Thomas in the schools for safety. Alderman Walters recommended a zero tolerance for cell phone use and is requesting that no warnings be given.

PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE

Fire Chief Crews advised he is asking to replace several feet of old worn hoses to bring all the engines up to code, which will cost \$5,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to order 2.5" hose at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

NUISANCE CALLS ORDINANCE

The Department reviewed a Draft Ordinance amending the Standard Operation Guideline: 211 Concerning the Taylorville Fire Department Ambulance Deployment and Amending the Taylorville City Code. Fire Chief Crews explained the Department is still responding to 9-1-1 calls that involve transferring an individual from taxi to house, locating their remote control and cell phone when dropped. He explained when the calls go through 9-1-1 the Department is dispatched, they don't want this person to get hurt getting from place to place but it takes a lot of time and they could be responding to those calls when an emergency occurs.

After discussion it was agreed to start assessing a \$200.00 fee for non-emergency calls and direct City Attorney Romano to make the changes as discussed by the Committee with omitting and adding language to the Draft Ordinance. The Committee asked that the individual and family members and anyone aiding in the care or transporting the individual be given information informing them this is going to take place.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to make the changes as discussed by the Committee to the Draft Ordinance amending the Standard Operation Guideline: 211 Concerning the Taylorville Fire Department, Ambulance Deployment and Amending the Taylorville City Code. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCEPT ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT

Fire Chief Crews advised the Department was awarded the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program for \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor. As a 95/5 match share the City's portion will be \$1350.00.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the City pay the five percent share in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the City's share of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Program of \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor. Motion carried 4-0.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Fire Protection District. The previous agreement dated July 15, 2009 will be terminated upon the effective date of the new Agreement.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to acknowledge and waive any Conflicts of Interest of the City Attorney representing the City and the Taylorville Fire Protection District in this Agreement and related matters thereto. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the Agreement between the City and Fire Protection District for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical and/or Rescue Services. Motion carried 4-0.

SALE OF ICOM RADIOS

Fire Chief Crews advised the Department has 17 obsolete ICOM radios he would like to place on the re-sale market at a cost of \$150.00 per radio, stating an Ordinance would have to be prepared to sell the City Equipment.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to sell 17 ICOM radios at a cost of \$150.00 per radio. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY CONTRIBUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW SPARKY THE DOG

Fire Chief Crews advised the purchase of a new Sparky the Dog was taken out of his budget, but he recently received a \$27,000.00 grant to be used for a new cardiac monitor. He is asking to use \$5,000.00 from his budget to go forward with purchasing a new Sparky the Dog. He advised Sparky the Dog is used several times throughout the year and the children always enjoy it. He will be raising funds and reaching out to others for the remainder of the cost to replace. The Committee asked what he plans to do with the old; he will donate it to the Fire Marshall's Office.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Crews to use \$5,000.00 from Community Relation Expense Line to put towards the purchase of a new Sparky the Dog. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total of Service Calls: 165; they are currently about two weeks ahead of last year's calls for service as they hit 1000 in July this year
- Inspected 12 businesses
- Trained on the following: Pumping and drafting operations, company drills, SCBA drills, sprinklers and standpipes operations, musculoskeletal injuries and dive training.
- Participated with Christian County Fair activities
- Illinois Dept. of Public Health, EMS inspections
- IFSI Academy begins September 10th, there are two members attending
- Paramedic Class graduation for Firefighters Chausse and Holmes

Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall discussed some changes with the Charleston billing process. Currently the Department receives payment from the State which gives no explanation of benefits or reports of what the funds are for; Charleston has the software and capabilities to match who payments are for.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Walters advised he attended a Pre-Construction Meeting in Springfield regarding the Walnut Street Project which will starting on Monday, August 13th; they will be working on the project six days a week.

Alderman Olive thanked the Fire Department for assisting with the Christian County Fair, stating every year they have a program for the children and they patrol the area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

EMERGENCY SERVICES

September 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Budd
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Lanzotti
Shirley Sams

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 8:38 P.M.

BASEMENT BATHROOM REPAIR AT FIREHOUSE

Fire Chief Crews advised when the TFD building was constructed, the women's basement (shelter) bathroom was taken out of the project. The Fire Department members have been taking care of the work to finish this project but needed a vanity top purchased/installed and stall partitions. Chief Crews presented the Committee with estimates for the needed items and the cost of labor for work which is mandated to be performed by a plumber. Mayor Barry advised he does not have a problem with the person/company that submitted the quotes, but as he has been advising other Superintendents, he is recommending that at least two or three quotes be obtained. Fire Chief Crews advised he will make more calls for quotes; he and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall have made multiple calls for quotes but were not called back. This will be on next month's agenda.

FEMA WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT

Fire Chief Crews advised a National Alert Test for both the Wireless Emergency Alert and Emergency Alert System capabilities will take place on September 20th at 1:18 CDT. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will issue a Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert. The test message will be available to "all compatible cell phones". After researching, it appears flip phones will be incompatible. FEMA plans to have educational messages sent out publicly about a week prior to the test. A message "THIS IS A TEST" will follow the actual message.

DISCUSSION RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

There was discussion regarding the Agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Fire Protection District. The City at one time received \$50,000.00 a year. Currently the City receives \$30,000.00, due to annexations.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total of Service Calls: 117
- Inspected 10 businesses
- Trained on the following topics: Driving course two different weeks, four vehicles, sprinkler systems and standpipes (Hershey Towers, Park Glen, Senior Village), building construction
- Building a Ham Radio Communication Team has approximately 40 people interested
- Toured the schools with the School Resource Officer; Chief Crews will be attending classes in Litchfield to help prepare school preparedness packets
- New hires begin academy September 10th
- Had two dive calls within the last week

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall asked that an amendment be made to the agreement with the City of Charleston for ambulance billing. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall explained how the billing is currently being handled. After an ambulance call, he gathers and scans the reports, puts them in a file and sends the information by email to the City of Charleston. They then generate a bill. The bill is sent to the patient, insurance company, or responsible entity for payment. The payments are then sent to the Fire Department to be

applied to the patient's bill. He advised that the Department does not have a tracking program designed for this. The State of Illinois payments come in one total and it is very hard to keep track of payments for each patient. The procedure takes him hours to complete.

Assistant Chief Goodall and Fire Chief Crews visited the City of Charleston to discuss the billing procedure. They have the software, and for an additional \$5.00 per claim, they will take care of all the billing. They would then direct the money into a City of Taylorville account. The City would have access to a "view only privilege" of the accounts, but could generate a number of different reports.

The additional costs associated with the City of Charleston handling the accounts is a post office box fee and the increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per claim fee. To make the changes, the City Attorney will need to prepare an Ordinance to amend the Ambulance Billing Agreement with the City of Charleston. The Committee agreed to direct City Clerk Lilly to place this on the September 17, 2018 City Council Agenda.

Alderman Budd commended the Fire Department for an outstanding job for getting the fire under control that occurred on Heights Avenue. He was on location and advised the flames were shooting at least five to six inches from the roof when he arrived. He advised the Committee there was smoke coming from Engine 1, Assistant Fire Chief Goodall stated it was a broken hose, it has already been repaired. Chief Crews advised one complete set of gear will have to be purchased which was destroyed fighting the fire; the firefighter was safe. Alderman Lanzotti thanked the Department also, stating they responded to a call from a neighbor and they responded quickly and did a great job.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

EMERGENCY SERVICES

October 4, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Budd
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Walters
Officer Alan Mills
Deputy Chief Childers
Matthew Adermann
Paula Dunn
Nancy Likes
Trisha Lowrance
Elaine Wilkinson
Danny Klover
Richard Downing
Gina Dunn
Owen Lasswell
Wesley Withrow

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

AFG GRANT

Chief Crews requested to apply for the 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. He presented a list of items he will be submitting, but is still determining what the Department needs. When the list is complete he will provide the list and costs and the commitment amount the City would match on a 95/5 match. He advised the Department has received two grants this year.

He discussed the possibility of submitting for a new Fire Engine, the City's portion would be approximately \$35,000.00 if awarded. The Committee asked what would happen if awarded the grant then it was determined that the City does not have the funds at that time if it would prevent the City from receiving any other grants in the future. Chief Crews stated if awarded the grant and the City determines we are not financially able to proceed with the purchase; the City would be able to decline the grant without any repercussions. If accepted then declined, that would make a negative impact on pursuing any grants in the future. Chief Crews was asked if the Taylorville Fire Protection District could contribute towards the City's share. He stated yes and he could ask Foreign Fire Tax Board also.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve Fire Chief Crews request to apply for the 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Chairman Dorchinecz discussed possible changes to be implemented to the new agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Fire Protection District. The current agreement is a ten-year agreement that will expire in July 2019. Fire Chief Crews presented the Committee with a copy of the contract between Curran Fire Protection District and the City of Springfield to review. Springfield has nine Fire Protection Districts and are contracted with four other entities.

Chairman Dorchinecz advised the Taylorville Fire Protection District levies a tax on property taxes for residents that live outside of City Limits. He asked Mr. Mike Gianasi, County Clerk & Recorder, how the taxes are figured; there are three calculations based on property values. In the past, residents had a choice to pay a fee to be in the Fire Protection District. If they chose not to be in the District and had a fire, the Fire Department would respond to make sure no one was in danger but they did not fight the structural fire. There were some bad circumstances due to this; now all residents outside of City Limits are charged. The funds collected on property taxes are then distributed to the Fire Protection District who oversees these funds. The funds can only be used to purchase equipment for the Taylorville Fire Department and administration fees.

Currently the City makes requests to the Fire Protection District for purchases. Chairman Dorchinecz and Fire Chief Crews are recommending that a percentage of the funds be set aside in an account that the Chief can purchase equipment from without having to schedule an appointment with the Fire Protection District. The Fire Protection District currently has over \$400,00.00 in an account. Some members of the Committee want to restructure how the funds are being held; other members stated if the City receives the funds, there would not be a surplus saved for large purchases such as the new fire engine being discussed.

Alderman Olive was a Volunteer Firefighter in the past, and he advised that there was a positive impact when the Fire Protection District was formed. The Department was provided with newer equipment etc. He has concerns with how the City would control the funds, as the Council changes and everyone has different views. Mayor Barry stated the Fire Protection District has always purchased the items requested by the Fire Department. He will schedule an appointment with the Fire Protection District next week to discuss proposals for the new agreement. He noted that City Attorney Romano represents both the City and the Fire Protection District.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare a proposal to present to the Taylorville Fire Protection District. Motion carried 3-1.

PROPOSED AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised that there is no Ordinance in place to define what the process is to operate an ambulance service. This issue is being discussed as one local private ambulance company is no longer in business, which leaves one company to handle all the calls. Fire Chief Crews presented information outlining rules for operation another City has adopted and asked if this needs to be sent to the Ordinance Committee. Chief Crew's stated his concern is that there is enough coverage in place to be able to provide care to the residents.

The information states a City permit will be issued and the company is required to present the City with proof of liability insurance coverages. The ambulance service must have a minimum of two ambulances operating seven days per week (not counting ambulances contracted for special events) manned to meet the minimum requirements for advance life support service as set forth under E.M. S Act.

Paula Bantner-Dunn, President of Dunn's Ambulance, was in attendance, along with several of the employees. It was noted that once Sutton's closed, Dunn's added two more ambulances. She stated that the ambulance service is regulated by the State. She does not feel the City should be able to regulate how a private company is operated. The information Chief Crews presented gives him the authority to walk into the business at any time and regulate how to operate. She has no issue with providing the City with licenses and insurance coverages, but they are regulated by both the State and the Secretary of State, which have higher standards. Mrs. Bantner-Dunn does not feel it is necessary to provide duplicate information to the City. She will schedule accordingly as Dunn's is now the only ambulance service in town.

Alderman Lanzotti advised he agrees with the residents; it is redundant and he does not agree with what the City is proposing. Chairman Dorchinecz stated he has read the information Chief Crews presented but he has not studied it. Alderman Burtle reiterated that the main concern is whether or not one ambulance service can handle all the calls for service. The Taylorville Fire Department has been called to respond when there were two companies and no coverage available and they will continue to do so.

Mayor Barry has met with Dunn's and Sutton's Ambulance. The City may need an Ordinance in place and suggested a representative from Dunn's, Chairman Dorchinecz, and Fire Chief Crews meet to discuss issues in order to prepare an Ordinance. Chairman Dorchinecz was asked how to proceed with implementing changes and noted that this Committee can forward this issue to the Ordinance Committee or it can be discussed in this Committee.

Motion by Alderman Vota seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward discussions regarding an Ambulance Service Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total of Service Calls: 161
- Inspected 11 businesses
- Trained on the following topics: Foam Training, Search and Rescue Refresher, Ladders and Boat Crane Operations
- Toured the Schools with the School Resource Officer
- New Hires began Academy September 10, 2018
- Two Dive Calls within last month (cell phone and vehicle recovery)
- Drone Assistance Response in Assumption, the police were trying to locate someone in a corn field
- Fire Prevention Schedule – October 6th will have children's activities for Chilifest
- October 9th -11th - Pre-school activities in morning and afternoon. They no longer have Ronald McDonald who has participated in the activities for over 20 years. The new Sparky the Dog is here.
- October 15- School Fire Drills
- October 30- Halloween with the Taylorville Police Department

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Crews thought he was going to be sending Firefighters to North Carolina to help with the aftermath of the hurricane. The State makes contact through MABAS. They needed divers, but the Fire Department was not approached to respond.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee