

## 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.

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Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee