

EMERGENCY SERVICES

February 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Lanzotti

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

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

Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams
Bill Jones
Geoffrey Ortman
Mike Mann
Andrea Conrath
Bart Bialas

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

STATE FIRE MARSHALL GRANT

Fire Chief Adermann discussed the State Fire Marshall Grant; the deadline is February 28, 2020 to apply. The grant is 100%. The grant amount ranges between \$12,000.00-\$25,000.00. If awarded, he plans to order portable radios and SCBA facemasks.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to apply for the State Fire Marshall Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

TANKER REPAIR UPDATE

Chief Adermann updated the Committee on the tanker repairs. The repairs were approved previously at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. At that time, he explained they would not know the actual cost or the extent of damage to the pump until the tanker could be taken apart. One of the repairs that was estimated to cost approximately \$2,000.00 actually cost very little, but the cost of repairing the pump was \$5,000.00 alone. The cost is going to be approximately \$2,000.00 higher than expected; there is money in the budget if needed but he is checking with the Foreign Fire Tax Board to see if they could cover the additional costs.

NEW HIRE UPDATE

The Police and Fire Commission started the hiring process. They are currently doing background checks; the goal is to have someone hired by March. The Committee asked if the City has been reimbursed for the latest new hire leaving. Chief Adermann advised he was just billed on Monday for a badge, helmet shield and name tag; his uniform had not even been opened yet and happened to fit the new hire.

SPILLER PAY/BILLING INFORMATION

The City has an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Charleston for the billing of the Taylorville Fire Department services. It is about to expire. It was for a three-year period commencing on May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2020. Chief Adermann presented everyone with a copy of the agreement and the rates charged stating in the future the fees may have to be reviewed and asked that this issue be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to forward the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Charleston for billing for the Taylorville Fire Department services to the Ordinance Committee for review. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service- 140
- Responded to two water rescue calls; one individual involved in the accident came to the station to thank the Fire Department members for their assistance.
- Cody Rogers, recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, and Nick Hackney and Matthew Peters who were both promoted to Captains are all doing a good job
- All shifts have toured the new portion of the hospital

- There were 7 Car seats installed
- Currently working on needs assessment for AFG grant
- Monthly CPR/AED training was provided to the community with 4 citizens attending

Chief Adermann gave a brief update of the January Public Education prepared by Firefighter Zepin. During the month of February, they will be hosting “Remember When” a fire and fall prevention presentation for Christian County TRIAD. There was a welcome home escort for Rogan Donoho, a 9-year-old Taylorville native diagnosed with a rare brain cancer. Many businesses and citizens lined the street to welcome him.

The 2000 Jeep needs repairs. Firefighter Stoner worked on the wiring but a mechanic will need to be called for an oil leak. This vehicle currently has 90,000 miles. When it is repaired, Assistant Fire Chief Rogers will be driving it. Mayor Barry asked who would be driving the vehicle the past Assistant Fire Chief drove. Chief Adermann stated it is a F350 one-ton pickup and feels it is too big to drive around daily; it will be kept at the station.

The Committee suggested that he check with Chief Wheeler, who recently applied for a USDA Grant to purchase a squad car, to inquire if they may have anything available to help the Fire Department with a new vehicle. There is a possibility the Foreign Fire Tax District would help finance a new vehicle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Wheeler had emailed everyone the 2019 Police Department Annual Report. The report provides a summary of the operations and accomplishments of the Taylorville Police Department. He advised the Department and the CAT team are doing a great job. The Department continues to have great support from the residents.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2020

Police Chief Wheeler discussed goals for 2020. He wants to expand social media; there are currently 5,400 followers on Face book. Officer Bollinger is doing a great job with community relations.

POLICE OFFICER EVALUATIONS

Police Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Childers will be conducting evaluations on the entire Police Department every six months.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

- Met with the Fire and Police Commission; there are three candidates on the list, and they are doing background checks
- Police Officer Dickey chose not to proceed with interviewing for the second School Resource Officer Position; they will proceed with interviewing Officer Mills.
- Body cameras will be up and running next week; policy is in place. The total cost of cameras is \$13,387.00. \$10,760.00 will be covered by the City’s Safety Grant, with the City being responsible for \$2,627.00.
- IDOT Grant awarded for April 2020 for \$5345.28 to be used for distracted driving such as texting
- Meth arrests have increased greatly compared to January 2019.
- Safe Passage has hit 70 and they are doing well with funding

ANY OTHER MATTERS

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 2019/2020 totals. The Committee stated Officer Mills will be missed if he becomes the School Resource Officer; he issues the most traffic citations.

The Department had their first Neighborhood Watch meeting, with a good turnout. The Department has made more meth arrests.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee