

EMERGENCY SERVICES

February 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Walters
Megan Bryant
Billie Heberling
Chris Skultety
Jeremy Alwerdt

Shane Ponzel
Christian Nelson
Kirsten Bolinger
Nate Thompson
Paula Dunn
Larry Daugherty
Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

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

REVIEW DRAFT OF AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

Chairman Dorchinecz asked if anyone had any questions or amendments to the draft of the proposed Ambulance Ordinance as presented. Alderman Olive asked why the City is implementing an Ambulance Ordinance as the State requires that the ambulance services be certified. He will be voting no. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall advised the City needs an Ambulance Ordinance to ensure that there is a minimum number of ambulances to cover the residents of the City.

Upon review of the proposed draft ordinance there was some confusion as there was more than one draft of the Ordinance at the table. Chairman Dorchinecz advised in the future each draft should have a date on it.

Chairman Dorchinecz asked Paula Dunn of Dunn's Ambulance if she had any questions or concerns with any of the language in the draft ordinance. She did not but she was not sure if she was looking at the same copy he was. Chairman Dorchinecz pointed out the changes on the draft he was referring to. She advised her company is doing a good job and she does not have any objections.

Alderman Walters asked that everyone be provided with a final draft copy; Chairman Dorchinecz advised all would be presented with the latest version of the draft ordinance.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney to prepare the proposed Ambulance Ordinance as presented. Motion carried 2-1.

CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT PLAN

Chairman Dorchinecz read the memo from Fire Chief Crews which is as follows:

The City of Taylorville lacks a formal Continuity of Government Plan. The intent of the Continuity of Government Plan is to outline the preservation, maintenance, or reconstitution 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 and retired City Clerk Peabody had worked together to make a flow sheet outlining the steps to annex property into the City. He is recommending rather than following the plan as presented, which has all the job titles of Mayor, City Clerk etc. included in one, that a flow sheet be prepared which outlines each individual person's duties. The Aldermen for example would have a flow sheet specifically for them outlining their duties step by step rather than having to read the whole plan.

Alderman Vota recommended some language changes be implemented and some titles be removed. Chairman Dorchinecz will be meeting with Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall to discuss the plan and asked that everyone review the Continuity of Government Plan and present him any suggestions to implement before next month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS

Assistant Fire Chief Goodall presented information to the Committee for Volunteer Firefighter Candidates. There is gear for one of the candidates; the other candidate has certifications he will have to obtain before he is active.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept applicant #1 and applicant #2 as Volunteer Firefighters. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-151
- Training: CPR, Tornado Response, Fire Ground Management, Communication
- Discussed a new training program, with classes online to advance their certifications
- Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall met with personnel from the Springfield Fire and Police Departments, to inform them about the tornado. They presented them with a 26-point topic program to review.
- The Fire Department responded to a call for a dog that had fallen through the frozen pond at Manners Park. The dog is fine and has been reunited with its owners.

Alderman Vota stated Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall did a very good job with a presentation to the Kiwanis Club; he recommends that they show this presentation at the Emergency Services Committee Meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Presented a report to summarize the activity for 2018 and a report on current events and/or issues and future projects. He advised there were 13,899 Calls for Service (up nearly 10% from 2017).
- The Central Illinois Enforcement Group met for its first board meeting of the year. The purpose was to review Investigations from 2018. Meth is still the biggest issue. This group has been extremely busy in this area. The Task Force Commander praised the efforts of the detective working the cases in our area for his willingness to always help, ability to follow through on investigations, and his overall performance.
- In June, the Department will be hosting an active shooter trainer course. This course will be held at the Taylorville High School and will be instructed by ADAMAX Tactical Training, other counties will be invited to participate.
- On February 19, 2019 Conservation Police from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be conducting a training at our agency for local Law Enforcement from around the area. This training will provide an overview of conservation laws, how the agencies can work together, and what IDNR can provide to local agencies. Lake Superintendent Jackson will be asked to attend.
- Met with Mindy Melton who is an Outreach Coordinator for the Gateway Foundation. They will be working together concerning adolescent addiction. They will be meeting with SRO Thomas and school officials to develop a plan and implement programs to help our youth with addiction. Vaping is still a significant problem. A new Ordinance was adopted on February 4, 2019 prohibiting alternative nicotine products to minors.
- Currently working with the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners to revamp the current testing process and testing materials for both Police and Fire. The current process is very expensive and very lengthy and does not provide the convenience and flexibility needed. This would not only change the entry level testing but also any promotional testing as well. They will be meeting with the Board and other agencies will be present to discuss their current testing procedures. This will need to be in place soon, as the eligibility lists and promotional lists are all expiring this year and there are positions that need filled.
- The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board announced the upcoming availability of additional funding for the camera grant. The application process would begin in January 2019. The grant covers both in-car cameras and body worn cameras. The grant covers the cost of the cameras and any training associated with the use of the cameras. It does not cover storage or the installation of the

equipment. The in-car cameras in use now are aging and beginning to fail. This has caused several issues with the court and defense attorneys.

- Recently applied for a grant through Norfolk Southern Railroad; could receive up to \$5,000.00. Following the recent tornado, a needs assessment with the staff was conducted. A recommendation from the officers conducting the Search and Rescues stated getting equipment and supplies to affected areas and providing security would have been greatly enhanced with the use of an ATV vehicle. This type of vehicle would be beneficial with patrolling the Lake area, the bike trail, and numerous events each year within the community.
- Recently applied for and was awarded a \$2,000.00 grant for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force that the Department is a member of. Officer Nelson, who is assigned to this task force, took care of the entire process and was awarded the grant which he used to purchase the necessary equipment and parts and built the computer specifically for the needs of these types of investigations. He will be a presenter scheduled for a Central Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives (CIALEE) meeting.
- SRO Officer Thomas and Officer Dickey attended the NRA's National School Shield Security Assessor Training. SRO Officer Thomas is currently assisting the Taylorville High School and the Taylorville Junior High School with their Security Assessment. This will be a great benefit for both the officers and the schools.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Police Chief Hile advised the Committee two weeks ago an Officer was involved in a crash responding to a call. The car has been totaled, in the amount of \$9,200.00 to put towards the purchase of a new vehicle. This will be an agenda item next month. Alderman Vota asked that the purchase of a new vehicle be discussed with Finance Chairman Budd and City Treasurer Nation before addressing at next month's meeting. Chief Hile asked that the \$9,200.00 go into a fund for the purchase of a new patrol car and that the FTA Warrant Fees be kept in this fund as well.

Chief Hile advised he has an Officer that is going to be out starting in April and the Department has been very busy so far this year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee