

EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Budd
Alderman Walters
Alderman Lanzotti
Treasurer Nation
Superintendent Speagle
Kellie Hamell

Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell
Elaine Wilkinson
Chris Skultety
Megan Bryant
Larry Daugherty

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

TAYLORVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGE-CHAPTER 6 REGARDING CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

Police Chief Hile discussed changing wording of the Taylorville Municipal Code Chapter 6 regarding Cigarettes and Tobacco. He is recommending changing the language to mirror the Illinois State Statute concerning the distribution and possession of alternate nicotine products to persons under 18 years of age which he provided to the Committee for review.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to draft an Ordinance to incorporate the language to mirror the Illinois State Statute concerning the distribution and possession of alternative nicotine products to persons under 18 years of age in Title 3 Chapter 6 of the Taylorville City Code. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE A NEW DELL SERVER

Jeff Durbin, CTI contacted Police Chief Hile advising while performing the regular maintenance on the computer system they had discovered the records were not getting backed up and there was an issue with the server. The server had crashed but they were able to make a temporary fix.

Chief Hile was advised the server for the rest of the Municipal Building was aging and had problems also. Chief Hile and Water Manager Kellie Hamell met with CTI Representative Aaron Bialas to discuss a proposal to cover both servers. Mr. Bialas presented a proposal which would combine the two servers into one unit maintaining records and integrity separately for both the Police Department and the rest of the Municipal Building. Kellie Hamell had already received approval to get quotes for a new server, she advised the new server will have more memory and the backups will be done automatically; and the server will be placed in the radio room in the basement which will be locked. Mr. Bialas presented a quote for a server to consolidate the information currently on the server in the Water Collection Department with a server for the Police Department. The funds would be equally divided between Administration, the Water Department and the Police Department. for the purchase of a Dell PowerEdge R540 Server which would house the individual servers.

The cost should not exceed \$21,215.88. Mr. Bialas advised the only adjustment could possibly fall under labor cost, but if an adjustment; would probably be lower as the City is already under a maintenance agreement. There were several questions asked regarding how the system would work, who would be able to access it and would it be something that could be added to as the needs of the City changes. Superintendent Speagle was in attendance and had questions also, after much discussion Superintendent Speagle was asked to make this issue an agenda item on his Water Committee Agenda which will be next Thursday, if Aaron Bialas and Jeff Durbin with CTI could attend to answer questions.

EQUIPMENT FOR WIFI ACCESSIBILITY FOR POLICE DEPT

Chief Hile advised the need for Wi-Fi accessibility throughout the Department for training purposes as well as briefings during incidents. The Department is going to have in car video recording systems and the Officers will eventually have body cameras and WiFi is needed for both.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Hile to obtain Wi-Fi accessibility from Computer Techniques Inc. for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE 3 ARMOR EXPRESS RAZOR GEN II BODY ARMORS

Chief Hile asked to purchase 3 Armor Express Razor GEN II body armors at a cost of \$795.00 each for a total of \$2,385.00 from Ray O' Herron Company. He currently has \$1,592.00 in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant which he will use to pay 50% of the cost which leaves a balance of \$1,192.50.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of 3 Armor Express Razon Gen II body armor at a cost of \$795.00 each for a total of \$2,385.00 from Ray O' Herron. (\$1,192.50 will come from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant). Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE A NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM AND SERVICES FROM EMERGITECH

Police Chief Hile is recommending transitioning from the current program, Mobile Synch to the EmergiTech software and services. He advised the EmergiTech software is a more versatile program for Law Enforcement. This new system will connect the Police Department with Christian County and will allow the Department to become compliant with the upcoming mandate concerning the reporting of crime information to the Department of Justice. The Department will be mandated by 2020 to transition to National Incident Based Reporting System or NIBERS.

The first year total, which includes the annual subscription, off-site management, system configuration and setup is \$49,754.00, the next 4 years, the annual subscription is \$22,828.00.

Finance Chairman Alderman Budd advised there are no funds at this time for this purchase and now that the new Water Plant is being built there are no additional funds available to borrow from the Water Fund. Chairman Dorchinecz asked if this purchase could wait, Chief Hile stated it could wait but he obtained the quote in April, and as Alderman Budd had asked the Superintendents to hold off making any purchases at that time, he never brought it before the Committee. He is presenting it now due to the Federal mandates which have to be in place by 2020. Chief Hile had called to make sure the price he obtained in April was still good now, it is good through January, he was advised it could be higher after that point as costs are going up.

Chairman Dorchinecz advised there needs to be a procedure in place to determine the money situation as Chief Hile did as he was asked to do by not bringing this issue to Committee last April when he obtained the quotes and he is still being told the funds are not available. He stated he understands there is a revenue problem at this time but this issue has to be addressed before 2020.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to table this issue at this time due to money restraints. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Hile advised he would have the breakdown of calls for 2018 at the February meeting.
- He attended a meeting in Springfield today and stated the City Officer involved in the Drug Task Force was praised for a job well done, as there is a significant number of cases being handled.
- The Department has been involved in working on cases involving internet crimes against children
- Department has been involved in the safe passage program.
- The Kids, Cops and Christmas Program was a success, 74 children participated. They were able to help more children this year because of the generous donations received for the tornado.

- The school officials are very happy with School Resource Officer, Officer Thomas as he is very engaged with the students as well as the staff.
- Chief Hile and Officers Chris Adams and Kirsten Bolinger worked two hour shifts at Kroger on December 14th for the Salvation Army which was a success.

Chief Hile advised an Officer was responding to a call when he hit a deer which resulted in front end damage to the squad car, the State Police responded.

Mayor Barry asked that the speed limit monitor be brought back into town as it has been out by the Water plant for a while.

REVIEW DRAFT OF AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

Chairman Dorchinecz asked that everyone review the draft of the Ambulance Ordinance as presented and make any recommendations to him to change before next months meeting. The Committee will review the draft at next month's meeting. Chairman Dorchinecz asked that Paula Dunn and Larry Daugherty be invited to attend as he will present them with a copy of the draft ordinance to review.

REVISIT CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT PLAN

Chairman Dorchinecz advised 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 asked all present to review the Continuity of Government information and to make any recommendations or changes to him before February 1st so he can make changes if needed to have ready to review at the February Emergency Services Committee Meeting. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall was asked to provide copies of the plan to all Aldermen and Superintendents.

UPDATE ON SEARCH AND RESCUE

Fire Chief Crews and Assistant Fire Chief Goodall are working with the County to establish a new City/County Search and Rescue Team and enhancing the existing Damage Assessment Team.

Assistant Chief Goodall advised there are 28 members that volunteer giving their time to help in time of need; specifically searching for lost persons they have helped several communities.

Through joint City/County funding, both teams are self-supporting and available through mutual aid agreements to partner cities and counties. Team members are professionally credentialed, uniformed and equipped with the tools they need to fulfill the tasks in City and County.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM

Assistant Fire Chief Goodall advised the Damage Assessment Team accessed over 700 homes in Taylorville and a few in Stonington after the tornado. He advised all team members are set up to be dispatched on phones and are ready to go when needed.

DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT COMMAND COURSE

The Taylorville Fire Department and Christian County Emergency Management Agency hosted an all-day Incident Management Course at the Taylorville Hospital Annex. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall advised it was preplanned prior to the tornado, individuals that attended the class were from law enforcement, school representatives, public works, public health, hospital representatives and other organizations that are key players in disasters affecting communities. He stated it is vital that a plan be in place and discussed how smooth things ran with all the proper steps and procedures in place, everyone knows their role and responsibilities, he recommends that all Aldermen attend the next course.

CONSIDERATION OF S.A.F.E.R. GRANT APPLICATION

Chairman Dorchinecz advised Chief Crews had contacted him to ask that this issue be tabled until next month. Chairman Burtle asked Assistant Chief Goodall to ask Chief Crews to provide a list of all the pros and cons of obtaining Firefighters through the S.A.F.E.R. Grant Program to discuss at next month's meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Goodall advised the Department gets the Firefighter for three years with no wages, the City is obligated to keep the firefighter for an additional year after that time period.

UPDATE ON NUISANCE ORDINANCE

There continues to be a problem with nuisance calls which are being called through 911 which forces the Fire Department to respond to help with situations that are not an emergency. These type of non-emergency calls hinders the ability of the Fire Department personnel to promptly respond to emergency situations.

Chairman Dorchinecz advised there are recommendations of changes to language of the Nuisance Ordinance which has to be reviewed by the Taylorville Fire Protection District also, City Attorney Romano will forward this information to them.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- For January-December 2018 the Department had 1,686 calls
- Public Service Calls-264
- Rescue/EMS Calls-1,161
- Beginning background checks on three volunteer applicants
- Having an After-Actions Meeting on January 16th at Vision Way starting at 10:00 A.M. moderated by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- New Program purchased by the District to track training records, warehouse all topics of classes in the Fire/EMS
- There will be a special meeting to be announced by the Taylorville Fire Protection District for letting of bids or a new fire engine.
- Squad 1 had to be towed to Decatur for repairs today

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Assistant Fire Chief Goodall advised they ran between 70-80 calls the night of the tornado on December 1st.

Alderman Budd advised they are still in need of a refrigerator for the Gagne Building. It was suggested they may be able to get a used appliance donated, Mayor Barry advised he would try to get one.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee