

EMERGENCY SERVICES

July 1, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Wheeler
Deputy Chief Childers
Fire Chief Adermann
Treasurer Nation
Andrea Conrath

Alderman Budd
Kellie Hamell
Ben Toberman
Shirley Sams
Bill Jones
Matt Whalen AFSCME
Travis Ostermeier

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

PURCHASE OF FIRE HELMETS

Chief Adermann advised after ten years the fire helmets have to be replaced. He needs to replace eight helmets at a cost of \$2,500.00. The company is in the process of testing new helmets. After the Firefighters are active for ten or more years, they can switch to a lighter helmet. He can purchase half now and half later. The Mayor asked if there was a bulk discount if he ordered more. The bulk discount applies to the shipping fees if the order is over fifteen helmets.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to proceed with the purchase of eight fire helmets at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 all at once, or half and half, at his discretion. Motion carried 4-0.

YARD HVAC CONTRACT

Fire Chief Adermann advised last year the Fire Station had major issues with the HVAC system. He is requesting to enter into a preventative maintenance contract on 5-package heating and cooling units and 2-split systems for the Fire Station. He received a proposal from Yard Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$1,278.23. He was asked if he received more than one proposal; he did not as Yards is a Trane dealer. Alderman Olive advised Yard Heating and Cooling service the Municipal Building HVAC system, and if approved, he would recommend contacting George Yard to ask if they could group the two buildings together on one contract with a lower cost. Mayor Barry advised to approve the proposal as is and Alderman Olive will call to inquire if a combined contract for both buildings could be done for less. If the cost is less, the motion can be amended at City Council.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to enter into a contract with Yard Heating and Cooling for preventative maintenance for a 5-package heating and Cooling units and 2 split systems at a cost not to exceed \$1,278.23, unless a combined contract with the Municipal Building results in a lower cost. Motion carried 4-0.

RADIO PURCHASE

Fire Chief Adermann advised the radio purchase can be tabled; there was a problem with the antenna.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-129 including 7 fires (5 structure fires, 1 car and 1 cooking)
- Training- The Department has over 416-man hours of training.
- Decon Buckets are being used for decontamination procedures after fires. After the firefighters fight the fire, they will brush off any residue and use wipes and soap and water to wash on location to prevent the transfer of residue into vehicles. This residue has been linked with different forms of cancer.
- TFD is the supply hub for the entire County for PPE in case of another COVID outbreak.
- Firefighter Zepin taught CPR classes with respect to social distancing. He also taught two classes on Blood Borne Pathogens to McLain Foods employees.

- Two volunteer members completed Fire Investigation Training for free through the IFSI; Rick Downing and Jake Blanchetti. They will assist Firefighter Stone with investigations.
- Rick Downing also completed 30 years of service as a Volunteer to the City of Taylorville from 06/23/1990-6/23/2020.

Mayor Barry would like to thank Rick Downing for his years of service and invite him as the Volunteer of the Month on Monday, July 6, 2020

The New Fire Engine is in Washington, Illinois; the engine will be picked up on July 3, 2020. The Department will be training for approximately 2 weeks.

PURCHASE OF NEW 2019 FORD TAURUS

Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Childers will be picking up the new Ford Taurus. The City is purchasing the vehicle at a cost of \$37,978.00. After they take possession of the vehicle, they will submit the paperwork to USDA, which will then reimburse the City \$20,000.00; the City's share is \$17,978.00. This vehicle will be used for traffic detail only. Treasurer Nation advised Chief Wheeler had originally asked for approval to purchase a 2020 Dodge Charger. A motion was being made to reflect the change of vehicle.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to reflect the change of vehicle being purchased with the USDA Grant to a 2019 Ford Taurus from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$37,978.00, not the 2020 Dodge Charger from John Jones Pursuit Vehicles originally approved at the December Emergency Services Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-1590
- Thefts down 50%
- Traffic Calls are down due to the Officers working on a large operation that resulted in several arrests for drugs. There is a lot of work that has to be done prior to the operation such as search warrants etc. which involves a lot of paper work. The citizens have been very helpful in cleaning up the community.
- All Officers are up to date on mandated classes.
- Juice Box Operation with children is going well.
- Officer Bolinger has several projects lined up for July and August.
- There were five candidates that have taken the written test for Police Sergeant Positions.

Chief Wheeler advised he advertised for a lateral entry position, and has received several resumes. The Police and Fire Commissioners agreed on lateral hires which saves time and money.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry advised Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Childers are the Parade Marshalls for the 4th of July Parade.

Alderman Driskell advised the Committee she and her husband have looked over the bicycles that have been stored at the Water Plant. There were 50 that need cleaned, air in the tires and chains oiled, 30 that need minor repairs and 20 that are just to be junked. The junked bikes will be used for parts to repair the others. After the bikes are repaired, Officer Bolinger will contact the schools to get lists of children that could use them. This will benefit the children by keeping them active.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

