

EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 7, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall

Alderman Lanzotti
Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls- 121
- Training- Ameren Gas Emergencies, Sexual Harassment Training, Auto Extrication, Hose Testing and Ropes and Knot Training
- The Departments radios were reprogrammed for interoperability with the Police Department
- Waiting to hear about the AFG Grant
- Department participated in a Pediatric Trauma Life Support Course
- There will be an active shooter drill, the Department will be participating with the Police Department on June 30th
- Discussed the nuisance public assistance calls. The Department is still receiving numerous 9-1-1 calls to assist a resident with getting in and out of the residence.
- The Department recently did 12 business inspection reports

Chief Crews advised the Committee he wants to develop a program for the Fire Department to do inspections on multi family projects that are brought before the City for Rezones. He advised there are locations that need to be addressed regarding sprinklers etc. He discussed "The Landing" as an example. When the Department did the inspection of the building, there were several problems that needed to be addressed. The owner was very agreeable and met all the requirements and it is now a very nice safe premises.

Chief Crews discussed a reported a fuel spill located in the watershed for Lake Taylorville. A County Deputy contacted him reporting a strong smell of fuel along Rt. 29. Chief Crews notified the EPA, Hazmat Team, Cliff Frye and Water Superintendent Speagle. A small amount of diesel was flowing from an area located next to Rt. 29 onto a grass waterway that was leading to a waterway. He suspected the fuel was coming from a pipeline leak and notified the Marathon Pipeline personnel. A clay dam was installed across the grass waterway downstream from the extent of the leakage.

Marathon Pipeline personnel responded and advised the leak was not theirs. Chief Crews advised they sent several employees and equipment to help with the clean-up. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency inspected area farm buildings and found a large volume off-road diesel tank. The owner stated he had noticed a small amount of diesel on the ground, had washed the residue down, it ran into the field. The owner's insurance company was notified.

There was discussion regarding the ambulance shortage and overtime to cover the ambulance shortages. Chief Crews advised he would like the ability to hire back someone when there are only three people are on duty as they have had calls back to back; he has included \$29,000.00 in his budget to cover the expense.

He has talked with Memorial Hospital and there is a need. He would like the Department to be put into the ambulance rotation. He was advised the private ambulance services would have to be in agreement, in the past they were not.

He informed the Committee the two area ambulance services have cut back on the number of ambulances in use and has contacted them for a schedule. He has received information from one of them at this time. He stated he knows having the Taylorville Fire Departments ambulance in operation has saved lives.

Chairman Dorchinecz stated that this is going to be an economic issue, as we know from past discussions there are problems with surrounding agencies responding to calls. The Fire Department is already assisting these areas; the first priority of the Fire Department is to be available for fire calls.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING RESTRICTIONS

Police Chief Hile advised he has had calls regarding the hours of Trick or Treating to change from two nights to one. His recommendation is to keep the two nights but to shorten the time frame.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to change the hours of Trick or Treating to 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. for October 30th and October 31st. Motion carried 3-0.

QUALIFICATIONS/CODE CHANGE-POLICE SERGEANT

Chief Hile is recommending changing the minimum of years to be eligible for Sergeant from 8 years to four years. He stated this would be in line with other agencies and has also been recommended by our testing facility.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to change the minimum number of years to be eligible for Sergeant from 8 years to 4 years. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE CHANGE-POLICE INVESTIGATOR

During recent negotiations and the signing of the collective bargaining agreement with the PB&PA the position of Police Investigator/ Detective, has been changed to a special assignment rather than a promotion as of January 1, 2018. This position will no longer have to be tested through the Board of Fire and Police Commission to fill. The current Investigators/Detectives which were appointed by the Board will maintain their rank.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to reflect the following changes due to the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Benevolent Labor Committee & Protective Association:

The position of Police Investigator/ Detective, has been changed to a special assignment rather than a promotion as of January 1, 2018. This position will no longer have to be tested through the Board of Fire and Police Commission to fill. The current Investigators/Detectives which were appointed by the Board will maintain their rank. Motion carried 3-0.

SQUAD CAR POLICY

Currently the Officers living within the City limits are allowed to take their squad car home; the Officers living outside of City limits are not allowed to take theirs home. Police Chief Hile is recommending a provision to allow an Officer with an assignment of Detective or K-9 Officer to take their vehicle home as they respond to immediate emergency call outs. He has checked with other agencies and they have a provision for their special units/assignments. Currently the new K-9 Officer lives on S. Cherokee just outside City Limits. In some

situations, time is critical as it could negatively impact the case. The Committee asked if there was going to be two K-9 units; he stated no. The current K-9 dog is retiring at the end of the year. He stated the Department has conducted multiple searches around the Lake area, especially during the summer with all the lake traffic.

Mayor Barry stated if this policy is not changed the new K-9 Officer who lives in Timberlake Subdivision would have to drive to the Police Station get the K-9 vehicle then drive back home to get the dog. He stated it would cause other Police Officers to have to wait for him to get to the location, and time is critical in some instances; some of the Aldermen in attendance still objected.

Chairman Dorchinecz asked for a motion to allow the Detective or K-9 Officer the ability to take their police vehicles home with them outside of City Limits. There was no motion made and no action taken.

PURCHASE TWO LIDAR RADAR SYSTEMS

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE A 2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY W/AWD

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2018 UTILITY VEHICLE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised as the budgets are not complete at this time this will be discussed at a later date. No action taken.

PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE SERVICE DOG

Police Chief Hile advised the cost of a new Police Service Dog will be offset by the current fundraiser that has been organized by the new K-9 handler Officer Jeremy Alwerdt. There have also been donations made that was large enough to completely cover the cost of the dog. Chairman Dorchinecz asked if this purchase could wait until the budgets are approved. Chief Hile advised it could wait as the next class does not start until August.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Hile thanked the Committee and Mayor Barry for approving the partnership with the Taylorville School District for the hiring of the new School Resource Officer. He has contacted other agencies who currently have the program in place and will be meeting with them to get ideas and suggestions. He has also contacted the school officials; he will be meeting with them during the summer to develop a new program for the upcoming school year.
- Detective Thomason has been working on the school threat and several other ongoing cases.
- There is still ongoing work being done to combat the methamphetamine problems
- The Officers have attended several training seminars regarding Social Networking & Cellphone Investigations, Cyber Bullying & Sexting Investigations and Shooting and Crisis Management for school-based incidents.
- This summer the Department is hosting a Basic & Advanced Rapid Deployment as well as Rapid Deployment Instructor Course. These training sessions focus on active shooter situations and will be held at the Taylorville High School.
- The Department has increased traffic details and was able to demo two lidar radar units that proved to be a valuable asset.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Hile received a call from a representative of Ahlstrom's advising that due to railroad track maintenance they have to use the alternate route for the semi tractors to get to the plant. Mayor Barry has been contacted as well; all of the Railroad Crossings throughout town are having maintenance done. He asked that one of the entrances to Manners Park be open at all times.

Chief Hile advised that three individuals applied for one day permits, but residents have called in complaints for more than one day. They say they are from Ameren and want to see their bills. Ameren advised they do not go door to door; these individuals are trying to get the customer numbers. He contacted City Attorney Romano regarding this issue.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee