

EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 8, 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
Alderman Budd
Alderman Burtle

Christian Nelson
Kirsten Nelson
Andrea Conrath
Tammy Rogers
Shirley Sams

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.

LATERAL HIRING

Chief Wheeler has advertised for a lateral entry position for the Police Department. Application deadline is June 30, 2020. He has received applications from Springfield, Sherman and a Railroad employee.

SERGEANT TESTING

The Sergeant testing will be June 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Fire House. Robert Besson will be the proctor present during the written exam. There will also be an oral interview and merit points. Six Officers have signed up to take the Sergeants exam. The Board of Fire and Police Commission will then make the list.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Detective Thomason is planning to retire soon and Officer Nate Thompson is taking a lateral transfer to Washington, Illinois.
- There have been no complaints in the City for business to reopen.
- The 12-hour shifts are going very well.
- Three TPD Officers have been nominated for Officer of the Year.
- The Safe Passage Program is going well.
- Training is on hold due to COVID 19, but there has been online training completed.

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. There have been several aggravated assaults. With the COVID 19, tensions are up, but thefts and traffic citations are down.

Chief Wheeler was asked how many distracted driving citations were issued. The Department had received a grant from I.D.O.T. for the month of April and upcoming holiday traffic enforcement. He advised with COVID 19, they only did it for 1 week, but the Department gets to keep the funds they received. The Department will still receive the additional \$19,000.00 from the Grant.

There was a search warrant issued; two individuals were arrested and the DEA is involved. He advised the two minors that were hospitalized from drugs are doing well.

The Department is trying to help kids on their birthdays, they are going to start a Juice Box Operation with Children. The juice boxes were donated to the Department.

Alderman Driskell thanked Chief Wheeler and the entire workforce for the way they handled the peaceful protest stating he made a gracious host for the City of Taylorville which made national news on CNN. Deputy Chief Childers agreed stating he did everything right.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Fire Chief Adermann advised he needs some clarification on the proper procedure to acquire Volunteer Firemen. Mayor Barry asked if he does background checks and physicals on the applicants; he advised he is. Mayor Barry did not think it would need to come back to Council, but to discuss this with Human Resource Manger Andrea Conrath. Fire Chief Adermann has three new applicants; two are getting physicals. Members of the Committee complimented the Fire Department on the videos they are placing on Facebook. Fire Chief Adermann advised the videos are attracting viewers.

JEEP REPLACEMENT

Fire Chief Adermann advised the jeep has been replaced; the Fire Protection District purchased the new vehicle. Country Financial contacted him about their "Helping Hometown Heroes" program. Any funds from this program will go towards equipment for the new vehicle.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for service- 143
- The Department has over 416-man hours of training.
- A new hire will be sworn in at the June 15, 2020 City Council Meeting.
- Chief Adermann advised The SAFER Grant has changed from covering 75% salary and benefits for two years for two Firefighters to 100% salary and benefits and was extended to three years.
- The Taylorville Fire Protection District is replacing S-1 with a new squad truck at a cost of \$240,000.00
- The acceptance date for the new Fire Engine is June 23-25,2020 in Appleton, WI.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry advised City Clerk Lilly had requested that the Personnel and Emergency Services Committee for July be moved to Wednesday, July 1, 2020 in order to have the minutes included in the July 6, 2020 City Council packets. City Offices are closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 or the 4th of July holiday.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee