

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Walters
Alderman Jones
Asst Chief Childers
Valerie Miles
Kellie Hamell
Owen Lasswell

Police Chief Hile
Treasurer Nation
Superintendent Speagle
HR Manager Brown
Officer Reimann
Officer Dickey
City Clerk Lilly

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

PURCHASE OF RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Chairman Dorchinecz opened up the discussion regarding the speed signs. The City does have traffic control issues in certain areas of the City. His initial interest was in photo enforcement signs, such as larger cities have. Chief Hile informed the Committee that there are many legalities with signs such as these, and they are used in home rule and those with a much larger population.

Police Chief Hile discussed the need for Radar Speed signs to be placed on streets with increased traffic and known speeding, such as North Webster, Springfield Road, and Cheney Street. He has looked at other cities, such as Clinton and Effingham, who utilize pole mounted signs. These signs will collect data and statistical information. Some are also programmable with custom messages and red or blue lights. Chief Hile provided quotes and specifications for signs from several different companies. He is recommending the TC-400 from Radarsign. It is a portable sign that could be moved from pole to pole, street to street, as necessary. The main purpose of such a sign is to change behavior, not to provide video surveillance. There will still need to be patrol officers present to ticket violators. Chief Hile is requesting to purchase (1) TC-400 and place on North Webster. He will investigate lease or loaner options to allow the City to test the sign before purchasing.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Hile to purchase (1) TC-400 from Radarsign at a cost not to exceed \$3,365.00, from the equipment line item of the Police Department budget.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to table until the April meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- February has been a little slower; officers aggressively pursuing those distributing, transporting, and using illegal drugs
- School Resource Officer Program proposal is being prepared by Chief Hile to be presented to the School Board, requesting 75% of the salary to come from TCUSD3. He will be proposing that this officer have a dedicated office at both the High School and Junior High School. The officer will assist with drills, safety planning, and overall security, along with education and counseling. This has been in discussion for quite some time and is not a reaction to the event last week. He is anticipating this to be a police officer with special assignment, working with the school schedule and also other hours at the Taylorville Police Department.

- Saturday, April 28, 2018 is National Drug Take Back Day at Walgreens; TPD will participate
- TPD and TRIAD will be host a Shred Event in late May or early June; donation to food pantry will be accepted in lieu of fees
- Hours/Days of Trick-or-Treating for Halloween: brief discussion followed regarding changing the end time to 8 p.m. and possibly holding Trick-or-Treating one night only. The issue will be discussed further at a future Ordinance Committee meeting
- Weather Preparedness Event to be held March 15, with weather radio programming to follow

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee