

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Hile
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti
Shirley Sams
Megan Bryant
Billie Heberling
Chris Skultety
Alan Jackson
Kellie Hamell
Bill Newberry

Police Chief Hile
Dave Herpstreith
Rob Thomason
Christian Nelson
Chase Dickey
Christopher Adams
Jeremy Alwerdt
Christian Nelson
Jeremy Alwerdt
Matthew Adermann
Alan Mills
Andra Ebert
Mike Walter
Troy Hogart

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

HIRING REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTER

Fire Chief Crews addressed the Hiring of a Replacement Firefighter and the S.A.F.E.R Grant as one agenda item. Due to the parameters of the S.A.F.E.R. Grant for this year, he will not be applying. This year's grant is to retain the workforce already in place for Departments that are under budget restraints and the Department would have had to do layoffs.

Chief Crews advised one Firefighter recently took another position elsewhere which makes the number of active firefighters 14. Per Article 26 of the Taylorville Professional Local 3144 Union Contract the City is obligated to maintain a Department of 15. The current eligibility list has been exhausted. He and Police Chief Hile are working with the Board of Police and Fire Commission to hire a new vendor to begin the process to establish a new eligibility list. This process is going to take months to get started.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct Mayor Barry to send a letter to the Board of Police and Fire Commission to begin the hiring process for a new Firefighter. (The City is contractually obligated by Article 26 of the Taylorville Professional Local 3144 Union Contract) Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for Service-111
- Inspections -1 The GYM
- Training- Incident Management Communications
- Firefighter Chausse and Firefighter Holmes spent hours driving throughout the City with a GPS system to locate fire hydrants then were able to program the information which shows the locations of the fire hydrants. The Water Department will also be able to utilize this program.
- There will be a Severe Weather Season/Basic Weather Spotting Class held on April 11, 2019 at 5:30 P.M at the Taylorville Christian Church
- Monsanto contacted Chief Crews regarding a hazardous materials drill; Christian County and Montgomery County will be participating in the drill.
- Department will be assisting with a nursing home tabletop exercise.
- Chief Crews will be at the Presbyterian Church to help with a disaster plan; he and Police Chief Hile have toured the church.

- The Fire Department will be working with the Police Department on an active shooter exercise
- Chief Crews is assisting Logan County, who received a \$20,000 grant for I pads, through the Christian County EMA; the Taylorville Fire Department will receive 5 ipads
- Chief Crews gave a brief overview of the After-Action Report/Recommendations

Fire Chief Crews presented information for improvements for Christian County/Taylorville disaster management. He discussed the importance of establishing a “county space” that will serve as the Christian County Emergency Operations Center. Currently Christian County maintains an agreement with the City of Taylorville for use of the Fire Department classroom.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee