

EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 5, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Police Chief Wheeler
Deputy Chief Childers
Fire Chief Adermann
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Budd

Superintendent Mann
Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

LICENSE PLATE READERS DISCUSSION

Chief Wheeler discussed License Plate Readers. In the future he will be requesting two; one would be used in the new patrol car if awarded through the USDA Grant. The reader sets off an alarm when it passes a vehicle if the driver has a warrant it also takes pictures of the vehicle. Chief Wheeler is researching to see if there are any grants available to purchase the readers, as the costs range from \$1,000.00-\$6,000.00.

TASK FORCE OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

Chief Wheeler informed the Committee the City Task Force Officer with the State Police Task Force is now going to be with the U.S. Marshall Task Force.

DISCUSS NEW POLICE OFFICER

Chief Wheeler met with the Board of Fire and Police Commission to discuss the new hire for the Department. The first applicant did not pass; the second applicant will be hired upon a successful medical, psychological test and polygraph.

GRANTS

The Department was awarded a grant from I.D.O.T. for \$5,345.28 for April and \$19,376.64 for all upcoming holidays for traffic enforcement. This grant is for distracted driving such as cell phones.

COPS HIRING GRANT

Chief Wheeler will be looking into applying for a COPS Hiring Program Grant. The grant pays 75% of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer (if laid off as a result of budget reductions), up to \$125,000 per officer position over a three-year grant period. After the three-year period, the City would be 100% responsible.

The Department is currently down one Officer due to an injury, which is going to cost \$5,000.00 in overtime. Deputy Chief Childers stated if anyone else would be off due to injury or vacation it is going to cost in overtime. He informed the Committee it takes nine months before the new hire can be counted on staffing. The Police Department is currently in negotiations. The Officers are asking for 12-hour shifts, which will help with the overtime issue.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- New School Resource Officer is Alan Mills
- Body Cameras are up and running
- Officer Bollinger now has Taylorville set up on Instagram
- Big R wants to sponsor Fingerprinting for Safety Day on March 14th
- Provided the Monthly Activity by Classification Report. Also provided were Traffic Citations by Officer Report and Arrests by Officer Report comparing 2019/2020 totals.

- Have been given several cell phones for a 911 Cell Phone Bank
- Safe Passage is up to 80

Chief Wheeler has been asked to have another Town Meeting; Mayor Barry recommended waiting until possibly April as he is busy with the census.

Safe Passage is having a fundraiser. Selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts. For pre-sales contact Denise Evans, Coordinator at Municipal Building.

OSHA RESPIRATORY QUOTE

Fire Chief Adermann presented the Committee with OSHA Respirator Mandates. He received quotes from HSHS Medical Group for the following:

Mandatory Questionnaire	\$29.00/person
Pulmonary Fitness Test	\$35.00/person
Respirator Clearance Physical	\$72.00/person

The Safety Committee has allotted \$3,128.00, but he may exceed that amount depending on how many tests each person will have to take. Chairman Driskell asked how many need to have tests. Chief Adermann advised all except the three new Firefighter’s and one new volunteer.

PURCHASE FIRE HOSE

Chief Adermann needs to purchase new fire hoses. He is going to check with the Fire Protection District first to see if they could help with this purchase. He plans to order 8 sections of 3” hose which costs \$195 a section and 8 sections of 1 ¾” hose which costs \$95.00 a section.

JEEP ESTIMATE/REPLACEMENT

Chief Adermann provided the Committee with information regarding the cost to repair the 2000 Jeep (\$2,217.07) and the cost of a new vehicle. The Kelly Blue Book Value for a trade-in is \$1,678.00, private party value is \$2,880.00. The new vehicle would be utilized primarily by Assistant Fire Chief Rogers and used for the firefighters to go to classes. The F350 one-ton pickup which was the Assistant Fire Chief vehicle will be kept at the station. They have used this vehicle for classes and has been used recently to carry large equipment to assist on calls.

He provided a list of six vehicles; five which are local and one out of town which is a State Bid Pre-wired vehicle. The prices ranged from \$27,595.00-\$39,981.00 which included 2- Durango, 1-Tahoe, 1- Explorer and 2-Pickups. When asked if there were funds left in his budget, he advised there was \$99,274.54 in that budget line item.

Alderman Budd, Finance Chairman, recommends getting a loan to purchase due to low interest rates. He advised Chief Adermann to discuss the purchase of a new vehicle with City Treasurer Nation. Chairman Driskell asked Chief Adermann to get more prices and information on what vehicle he thought would best fit the Department. This will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

SELLING OF JON BOAT

The Department has a Jon Boat that Chief Adermann would like to sell it. The motor is in great shape; he is unsure of the age of boat and trailer. He was informed any property sold by the City has to have an Ordinance to sell Mayor Barry would rather use as a trade in on a new vehicle.

AFG GRANT

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to apply for the AFG Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- Calls for Service- 154
- Training Topics- SCBA Emergencies, Hose Advancement, Firefighter Rescue, Hypothermia and Forcibly Entry.

- The tornado sirens didn't go off during the Tuesday testing, siren is working it was a computer Software issue.
- Gave a TRIAD Presentation- gave a Fire and Fall Prevention Class to Seniors. Offered home fire safety Assessments and educated on new smoke alarm plan for 2023.
- Billed 5 ambulance transports and 4 spiller MVA charges.
- Working on new locking procedures at the Fire Department

Chief Adermann advised the most important precaution regarding the Coronavirus is to practice good hygiene- wash hands, cover face when coughing, and treat like the flu.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Finance Chairman Budd advised the budgets have to be addressed.

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