

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 7, 2019

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Bryant

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Police Chief Wheeler  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Fire Chief Adermann  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Olive

Owen Lasswell  
Shirley Sams  
Matthew Phillips  
Jon Wamsley  
Robert Steiner  
Robert Besson

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

### TORNADO SIREN UPDATE

The tornado siren located at Boyd Dappert was relocated. Morrison Electric and Shelby Electric will be doing the electrical work, it will be back in working order within the next two weeks. There is a circuit board out on Siren #8 located at North Webster; it has sound but does not spin. Firefighter Ron Holmes is training with Fire Chief Adermann to do repairs on the sirens.

### HVAC REPAIRS

Fire Chief Adermann gave an update on the HVAC Repairs that have been previously approved.

### TANKER 1 REPAIRS

The Committee was presented a list of repairs needed for Tanker 1, which was included in the budget. Firefighter Jonathan Wamsley advised that some issues are more important than others. There is a problem with a siren and there are metal shavings under the pump. He will not know the cost of these repairs until it can be taken apart. If either of these repairs cost more than anticipated one of the repairs can be cut. For example there are some lights bulbs that need repaired, but if necessary, they could replace the bulbs later as there are still plenty of other lights that are operating. Tanker 1 is always pushed to the back burner. He has been trying to get these repairs done for three years.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to contact Fire Apparatus & Supply Team (FAST) for repair to Tanker 1 at a cost not to exceed \$5,035.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### FIRE STATION ROOF

Fire Chief Adermann had been waiting for the final quote for repairs to the Fire Station roof. There was discussion regarding what funds were going to be used for the roof repairs. Some members of the Committee recommended doing all repairs using funds from the brick escrow account. Alderman Budd, Chairman of Finance Committee, advised that funds from that account should only be used to do repair work on the bricks.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to contact Henson Robinson Company for repairs to the Fire Station roof at a cost of \$16,330.00 using funds from the maintenance line item, and Western Specialty Contractors for repairs on the bricks at a cost of \$2,975.00 using funds from the Brick Escrow Account. Motion carried 4-0.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service- 136
- Training- Truck 1/Ladder Training
- SCBA Training
- Tourniquet Application
- Triage Tags
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> met with school district officials to discuss active threat table top exercise

- SCBA Cylinders were ordered and should arrive by December
- Reimbursements have been paid for Firefighter Chausse and Firefighter Price. These funds will be used to offset costs incurred with new hires, the new hires should be here by December.
- There were no CPR classes taught in October; due to Fire Prevention Month.

### **FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

- School Fire Drills Performed
- 286 Children attended the annual firehouse tours
- Participated in Chilifest with a kid's firefighter challenge
- TPD and TFD Monster Halloween Bash was a success over 200 hotdogs served and a ton of candy
- Taught OSHA Fire Safety to staff at CCMH Workshop
- Visited St. Mary's, Trinity Lutheran, and CEFS schools which included 90 children

Employees of the Library assisted the Fire Department with crafts for the children.

### **TAXI CAB LICENSE FEES AND PROCEDURES**

Police Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Childers were asked questions regarding what is required to obtain a taxi cab license and what type of information the Police Department checks, such as driver's license, accident history, criminal background etc. After discussion, the Committee asked Alderman Bryant to forward taxi cab license procedures on her next Ordinance Committee Agenda for review.

There are three taxi cab companies in town. No one should be driving a taxi cab if they do not have a taxi cab license. The Code Book states that the Mayor can pull a company's license, but Alderman Olive recommends having that changed from the Mayor to the Police Department. Another suggestion was to make the owners of the company responsible for their drivers if they are driving without a driver's license, taxi cab license, etc.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to direct City Attorney Romano to draft an Ordinance to increase the fee for Taxi Cab Licenses to \$100.00 and continue background checks. Motion carried 4-0.

### **USDA GRANTS-VEHICLES**

Chief Wheeler discussed the USDA Grants available for rural area capital improvements, including Police vehicles. If the Department is chosen to receive a grant, the City would pay full price for the vehicle then they would be reimbursed 55% up to \$80,000.00. He recommends purchasing turn key vehicles. He has contacted Landmark locally to inquire if they can provide turn key and will buy locally if they can provide vehicles outfitted with all equipment. He will apply for one vehicle now, if receives grant, the City can try for another at a later date. There are no costs to the City to apply for the grants, and Chief Wheeler is familiar with the process as he has applied for grants in other communities.

He asked the Department Officers for their opinions on what type of vehicles to purchase. Their first choice was an all-wheel drive V-8 Dodge Charger. In the past, the Department had a whole fleet of Chargers and they had a lot of problems. Chief Wheeler advised that they are better now. Deputy Chief Childers stated that the problem with the Chargers was that five vehicles ran 24/7 causing trouble with brakes. Alderman Driskell recommended purchasing a SUV, as she thinks it would be more functional.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Calls for Service- 1552
- Department busy with patrolling and crime prevention initiatives
- Officer Bollinger working on several projects for Community engagement
- Citizens are continuing to work with the Department in troubled areas
- Officer Nichols is doing well at the Academy with an average test score of 97%.
- Officer Ponzel attended Field Training Officer School
- Officers Alwerdt, Thomson and Dickey attended Drug School
- Officer Bolinger attended Basic Swat School for Elder Abuse

- Safe Passage helped 43 individuals since July

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 2018/2019 totals.

The testing for the new applicants will be at the Taylorville Fire Department this coming weekend. They will begin with orientation then directly after will be the power test that consists of running, bench press and a run at the High School track.

Chief Wheeler presented the Committee with a picture of the training room; it is 90 percent complete and was funded from the Asset Drug Forfeiture Fund.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Alderman Budd and Alderman Bryant advised that due to scheduling conflicts, they can not have the Finance and Ordinance Committee Meeting on the regular scheduled date. After discussion, they asked to move their meeting to Monday, November 25, 2019 at 5:00 P. M.

Alderman Budd asked if there could be Officers present if needed at the Gagne Building on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The building will be open to anyone who wants to get items left from the tornado recovery donations. He is expecting a large turnout.

Robert Steiner and Robert Besson were in attendance representing the Board of Fire and Police Commission regarding the Paramedic requirement for the Fire Department Testing. Mr. Steiner advised that it has been difficult maintaining a list of new hires for the Fire Department because of the regulations implemented for Paramedics. Per the Fire Fighter Union Contract, the Department is to have a required number of firefighters. They do not have the number of applicants they use to have and it has become very frustrating with all the turnovers in the Department. Former Fire Chief Crews had asked for that requirement in the beginning to save the City money. Mr. Steiner and Chief Adermann agree they would have more candidates, and perhaps local candidates, if the requirement to be a Paramedic was dropped. Mayor Barry is in favor of the candidates having Paramedic training, and suggested that the candidates have a two-year period to obtain the license.

There was also discussion giving local candidates extra test points. Chief Adermann had no objections, but does not want to discourage hiring out of town candidates, as he was an out of town candidate. There was discussion on whether or not it can be changed or if it would have to be negotiated. Alderman Driskell, Fire Chief Adermann, and the Mayor will discuss and research what can be done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee