

EMERGENCY SERVICES

September 3, 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 Budd

Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

ANNUAL SCBA MAINTENANCE

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to complete the Annual SCBA Maintenance including maintenance, repairs and fill station, at a cost not to exceed \$5,700.00. Motion carried 4-0.

LIFE SAFETY CODE UPDATE

The State adopted a new Life Safety Code Update; this issue will be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee to have an Ordinance prepared to mirror the State.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for service-169
- 291.5 training hours
- Firefighter Rich Holmes has been deployed
- Two new hires, Eric Dodd and Kobe Wheaton will attend Academy for seven weeks starting next week
- Department is now using Credit Collection Partners. Most uncollected debt is from the Non-Spiller Pay Ordinance.
- Still have funds available for COVID supplies. He is working on with CURES for more information regarding what can be reimbursed.
- One new volunteer Colin Ayers; Nick Millman is in the process; both started as Explorers.
- The Fire Protection District provided the Department with Challenge Coins to be given to those recognized for service to the Community or Department.
- Reviewed Atteberry Subdivision Plat

Fire and Police Testing will be September 12, 2020 at the Fire Station. In the past they have not had many applicants for the Fire Department. The increase in applicants is due to adding the Preference Points, the increase in pay, and the changes made to the residency requirements.

The Administrator for the Christian County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Polley, asked the Department to check the Building to give him recommendations on repairs for life safety codes.

Chief Adermann received complaints of two businesses that had doors locked for customer flow due to COVID. He visited these businesses and advised they could have the doors locked so customers can not enter from outside but the doors have to be set to open from the inside to get out to be accessible for customers to exit in case of fire. He has revisited these businesses and everything was corrected.

The Department responded to a fire in the trailer park. A babysitter was with the children and got everyone out. The family can not stay there; Chief Adermann contacted Red Cross to help the family.

The Department is transporting more patients with COVID. He advised there is a vent system that must run for approximately 40 minutes before anyone can get back in vehicle. Everything is cleaned and disinfected after each run.

NEW HIRES UPDATE

There are three new Police Officers, two of the Officers are women, one is a Paramedic. Chief Wheeler met with each of them. Swearing in will be September 8, 2020. They are coming here from Nokomis, Edinburg and Kincaid. They have one year to move. They have all been through training. Sergeant Withrow, Sergeant Nelson and Officer Ponzel will be the Field Training Officers. The new hires should be on their own between two to four weeks. This has saved the City a lot of money.

DISCUSSION ON DISPATCH COMPUTERS

Police Chief Wheeler advised the need for new computers for the Department. He is researching the cost for replacements. The old are taking a long time to load information. There was discussion regarding the server; there is ample room on the server but there is no backup. Alderman Bryant suggested using Amazon Web Service cloud service and will meet with Chief Wheeler to research if it could be an option for the Department.

NEW CAD SYSTEM

The County is in the process of building a new CAD and Records Management System and Chief Wheeler is recommending the City be included in the new network system. The system has a GPS system in the vehicles and has a very robust reporting system. If allowed to be included in the network, there would be a five-year contract. The cost is more the first year then declines the following years: Year (1) \$13,100 (2) \$15,720.00 (3) \$8,980.00 (4) \$5,840.00 (5) \$5,840.00 **(the exact cost is a little higher than estimates listed last month)**. He is going to keep one license with mobile sync as a back-up.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to enter into a five-year agreement with Christian County for the new CAD System. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-August 2020-1406 August 2019-1616
- Received a \$7,160.00 Grant today for body cameras
- Safe Passage has helped 24 individuals this month, Denise is doing a great job. Denise established new Resources and now has Debbie Prince helping her out.
- There has been a 26% decrease in thefts
- Have collected \$6,000.00 year to date towing fees
- June 2019 to June 2020 there was a 315% increase in drug arrests from 2018-2019.
- The new squad car is back in service

Chief Wheeler presented the Traffic Citation and Arrests by Officers Information to the Committee. He reported residents have made several donations to Safe Passage and to help other people and children in the area. The Owners of Dear Yesteryear brought in a new bike and wagon today. Officer Bolinger has given away several bikes; he thanked Alderman Driskell for her assistance also. The new Officers will be a great help to Officer Bolinger with the Community Projects.

He commended the Department on drug arrests. They had a search warrant and made an arrest at a location in Kincaid that will make a significant difference in the area.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry advised there is now a new designated Enterprise Zone. There was good co-operation from the County Board. This is good news for the City and County for the expansion of business.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

