EMERGENCY SERVICES January 5, 2012

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones <u>ALSO PRESENT</u> Mayor Brotherton Police Chief Herpstreith Deputy Police Chief Hile Chief Hackney

Assistant Fire Chief Crews Alderman Walters Shirley Sams

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

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews was in attendance to answer any questions the Committee had concerning the Hazardous Materials Mitigation. He explained that in case of a catastrophic disaster the City would receive recovery funds to rebuild infrastructure as it is now but if the City had a Hazardous Materials Mitigation Plan adopted and a disaster would occur the City would receive the funds to rebuild infrastructures differently to make stronger to better withstand another disaster. For example, Joplin, Mo which was almost completely destroyed by tornados had a plan in place and received money for recovery and will receive millions of dollars to rebuild stronger infrastructures to better withstand this type of disaster.

Assistant Fire Chief Crews explained if Taylorville adopts the Hazardous Materials Mitigation Plan and the Fire Department is destroyed by a disaster and the City decides to build a stronger infrastructure which costs \$100,000.00 more than the cost of rebuilding the present building the City has to contribute \$25,000.00 towards the cost. The City is not obligated to rebuild a stronger building by adopting this plan, but by adopting the plan it gives the City the **choice** to rebuild a stronger building with most of the cost being covered by grants. If the City could not finance the additional costs the building would be built as it was. He was asked if there would be any cost to the City to implement the plan; he advised "no" that all fees associated with the development of this plan were absorbed by the County.

Alderman Heberling had a list of questions which Assistant Fire Chief Crews addressed; he asked how close this plan was to implementing and was advised the County, IEMA and FEMA have all adopted the plan. Taylorville and Palmer are the only two County Communities left, Palmer is adopting at their next meeting on January 9th. He advised there were 11 Jurisdictions involved.

Once the City adopts the plan Assistant Fire Chief Crews will submit to IEMA who will then forward to FEMA. The plan will have to be updated periodically by meeting with all the jurisdictions involved to keep the list up to date.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the Christian County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

• The Angel Tree Program delivered Christmas gifts to over 300 area children and food baskets to 125 families this year. Captain Smith headed this program again this year and all of the firefighters helped in the organizing, wrapping, and delivering. This is the 22nd

year for this program. This is the last year Captain Smith is heading the program; the Committee wants to extend a congratulations to Captain Smith for the success of the Angel Tree Program which he has been in charge of since approximately 1991; he was also active in the Christmas for Kids Program which was a program sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance and the Fire Department before the Angel Tree Program.

- The "Keep the Wreath Red" program was once again successful; there were no holiday related fires which Chief Hackney advised the public education programs are working.
- Gave an overview of the fire prevention activity list which was provided by Firefighter Matthew Adermann. He reported his records can account for the Department reaching 1,570 people (Pre-School to Senior Citizens) during the fire prevention activities in 2011. The Fire Department had Fire Safety/Extinguisher Classes to over 400 residents; they also talked with 348 children in one week during the annual fire prevention week activities.
- The Department is still short one Firefighter due to the retirement of Captain Nicol and one firefighter is off work with an injury. Chief Hackney presented a sheet indicating the shift overtime costs for the year. The costs were very low for the year except for December. The shift schedules had to be rotated due to the shortage of personnel, vacation time, and schedule changes for the new year and ALS Upgrade which caused an increase in Shift Overtime during the last two weeks in December. He expects the injured firefighter to return to work soon.
- Total 2011 Calls: 1,510

SQUAD CAR FLEET

Police Chief Herpstreith and Deputy Chief Hile were present to discuss the condition of the fleet cars. The current fleet consists of 11 marked patrol units, 2 unmarked units, 1 K-9 Unit, 1 Detective and 2 Administrative. The marked patrol units consist of one unit which was purchased last summer through a federal grant which has low miles, 2 units have between 40,000 and 50,000 miles, two units between 60,000 and 70,000 miles, three units between 70,000 and 80,000 miles and one with 88,000 miles and two units over 100,000 miles. The unmarked units, the 2005 Chevy Tahoe, which was a seized vehicle, has over 150,000 miles and the 2005 Mercury Sable has over 70,000 miles.

The Committee was presented information from Todd Crews of Bob Ridings Ford for 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor 4 door Sedan w/ all-wheel drive. Chief Herpstreith advised he has discussed purchasing a new squad vehicle with City Treasurer France. She informed him that if the Council decides that the vehicle or vehicle(s) are definitely needed by the officers, she would pursue getting interest rate quotes from local banks with the possibility of a better rate than the Ford Motor Credit program. She can't predict if the City's sales tax and other revenues will remain steady, but spreading payments over three years will help with the cash flow if revenues would decline.

He also advised the department has two vehicles they would like to use as a trade in towards the purchase of new vehicles for the fleet, the 2005 Mercury and the 2006 Ford Taurus. He stated these vehicles were not designed to be utilized the way they are being used and estimated that the trade in value for the 2006 Taurus at \$4,000.00. Chief Herpstreith advised he recommends purchasing the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor because of the all-wheel drive. They would like to purchase an unmarked vehicle stating it would be beneficial and would save approximately \$2,000.00. Deputy Chief Hile discussed the importance of having an unmarked vehicle in the fleet, which resulted in a lot of discussion from the Aldermen on the pros and cons of both. Some feel that the residents feel more secure when they actually see the patrol cars around town.

Chief Herpstreith stated the cost of the equipment would have to come out of the equipment line if purchased through the Ford Motor Credit Program, whereas if financed locally, that cost can be added to the cost of the vehicle.

Deputy Chief Hile advised if the vehicle is ordered now it would not be delivered until April or May. There was a question regarding the warranty on the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor; it comes with a 3 year/36,000 mile warranty with 5 year 100,000 mile powertrain warranty. After much discussion Chairman Burtle recommended making two separate motions.

Chairman Burtle asked if there is a report which indicates repairs made on each vehicle. He was informed Mayor Brotherton had created a spreadsheet when he was the Police Chief which they still use and that Bob Ridings Ford can print a report of repairs which is posted by VIN numbers.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to purchase one unmarked 2013 Ford Interceptor from Bob Ridings Ford and to install all needed equipment at a total cost not to exceed \$34,400.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to purchase one marked 2013 Ford Interceptor from Bob Ridings Ford and to install all needed equipment at a total cost not to exceed \$37,000.00. Motion 2-2.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- The Chief advised there were 19,600 calls for service for 2011; he and Deputy Chief Hile are in the process of writing a report to forward to the local media to inform the public of some of the activities of the Police Department in 2011.
- Monthly Statistics from 12/1-12/28 Calls for Service 1,204
- The Department is still experiencing problems with their software.
- The Christmas Program Shop with a Cop was a success.
- There will be CPR training done in January.
- The Department is going to be down three Police Officers which will cause an increase in overtime.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Department will receive 29 weapons for free; all they have to pay is the cost of shipping which is the cost of one weapon.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES February 2, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton Chief Hackney Deputy Police Chief Hile Alderman Walters Shirley Sams

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

PURCHASE OF A STALKER DUAL DSR MOVING RADAR UNIT

Deputy Police Chief Hile advised the Committee the Department is asking permission to purchase a Stalker Dual DSR Moving Radar Unit from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$1,399.00, which is the state bid price. Deputy Chief Hile advised the equipment is necessary to assist with traffic enforcement and is also useful in criminal investigations. He stated the radar ends up paying for itself on traffic stops. Alderman Heberling asked if this item was included in the budget; he was advised that it was. He also asked if installation was included in the cost, he was advised it wasn't but the Officers are going to install.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Deputy Police Chief Hile to purchase the Stalker Dual DSR Moving Radar Unit from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,399.00. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE OF MANDATED RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR INTERVIEW ROOM

Deputy Chief Hile stated he is requesting the approval to purchase recording equipment for the interview room. He stated this equipment is mandated and that the States Attorney and other State Prosecuting Agencies are requiring video evidence. The two interview rooms were made soundproof during the remodeling but the Department has been without recording equipment since then. They have been using a small hand held video recorder and then burning the video to a CD with a "home use" DVD burner, which quit working in January and cannot be repaired. He stated that the Department is not in compliance with the State Law nor are they meeting the standards. He presented a quote from Patrick Jeschke of Patrick 411 Inc. for the necessary equipment and the installation and training of the equipment. The Committee asked how long the training would take; he advised it would take a couple of hours. He explained this equipment is a Forensic Series and meets the standards for Law Enforcement use. It will hold several months' worth of evidence on the hard drive. There was a question regarding whether or not the evidence could be altered; it cannot as the CD/DVD's will have watermarks.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to purchase the DVR-F40 recording equipment system from Patrick 411 Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$4,914.00. Motion carried 4-0.

ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY SQUAD CAR GRANT

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting proposals for law enforcement vehicle grants to be made with Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Justice Assistance Grant Funding.

A total of \$460,766.00 is available to local law enforcement agencies that demonstrate both financial and vehicle needs. ICJIA has designated a maximum of \$20,000.00 to be awarded to each agency.

The grant funds may not be used for more than 75% of the total cost of the vehicle, with the City being responsible for the remaining 25%. Only units of local government that did not qualify for direct FY08 JAG Federal Funds from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance are eligible for this funding. Deputy Chief Hile advised the Authority will give priority consideration to agencies that did not receive funding administered by ICJIA in calendar years 2010 and 2011. He advised the City received this grant last year so more than likely would not be considered this year; but advised he is asking permission to pursue. The Committee asked if awarded this grant could the funds be used for the two vehicles that were just ordered; he stated no because of the time frame. Proposals are due by 11:59 P.M. Sunday, March 4, 2012.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow the Police Department to apply for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Squad Car Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Hile advised the Department has been assisting the Fire Department on arson investigations, as well as two aggravated battery cases which are associated with the arson.

PURCHASE DEFIBRILLATOR MONITOR

Fire Chief Hackney advised the Committee there would be no action needed for the defibrillator, as the Foreign Fire Tax Board voted to purchase a refurbished defibrillator for \$3,200.00. He advised they were going to have to designate between Engine 1 and Engine 3 which would be (ALS) Advanced Life Support and the Board decided to purchase the defibrillator to bring Engine 3 up to ALS also. As of February 1st the TFD officially upgraded to Non-Transport Advanced Life Support Services. This upgrade included Engine 1 and Engine 3 licensed as ALS Units. They are waiting on the IDPH inspection for the ALS Transport license to place the ambulance into service.

He advised the Committee he thought when the Department was upgraded to ALS they wouldn't have to continue to obtain the BLS license. There are three different licenses which will have to be renewed each year - the Non-Transport ALS, the Non-Transport BLS and when the ambulance is in operation it will require a Transport ALS license.

2011 SAFER GRANT

Fire Chief Hackney received information from FEMA for the AFG Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant). He advised he was looking for guidance as to apply or not, stating if the Committee did not feel that it could be endorsed by the Council he would not pursue. He explained the first priority of this grant is to rehire laid-off firefighters, the second priority is maintaining them, and the third priority is hiring new firefighters. He informed the Committee the time periods have changed with this grant. The period of performance is now two years with no retention commitment. After much discussion the Committee agreed there are too many shortages in other departments to approve of applying for this grant.

Alderman Burtle stated that with the addition of the firefighters that were covered under the last SAFER Grant has resulted in less overtime. He asked if the opening due to the retirement is going to result in an increase in overtime. Chief Hackney advised the Captains have done a good job with manpower, the three new firefighters have had to float to keep the overtime down. He

did advise that there is still one firefighter out with an injury and there may be another opening due to a possible retirement in March or April. If that were to happen the overtime will go up.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Senator Durbin's Office notified him that the Department is going to receive an Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant for MABAS Division 50 in the amount of \$16,000.00. This grant will provide training props, a trailer to haul the props, and money for instructor's fees. Assistant Fire Chief Crews applied for this grant last year. Chairman Burtle thanked Assistant Fire Chief Crews for obtaining this grant. MABAS stands for Mutual Aid Box Alarms Systems. He explained as an example that if Taylorville were to have a disaster Champaign would come to assist. Taylorville assisted with help when Hurricane Katrina hit; the City could not send vehicles but sent two men from our Department and two men from Morrisonville.
- It has been a busy month as there have been a lot of fires and accidents.
- He was asked about the number of calls for Public Service and what that covers. He explained that they assist with lifting and they get a lot of calls for alarms going off such as oxygen tanks. He was asked if they could possibly charge for these calls; he stated there will always be a need for Public Service calls and the men don't mind assisting in these calls.
- The Fire Department is offering CPR classes at \$20.00 per person
- There were 127 Total Calls

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that they will notice an additional \$1,700.00 expense for the server in the Police Department, advising that the software was so outdated that the installers couldn't get the old software to work with the new server.

Alderman Koonce asked Deputy Chief Hile to explain the problem with the walk-in door in the Sally Port. He explained that a walk-through was done by the Department of Corrections and they pointed out problem areas that need corrected. The walk-in door on the West side of the building leading into the Sally Port area does not meet requirements. The door and door jamb are rusting through and the lock does not provide the needed security with prisoners. Deputy Chief Hile contacted Bob Morgan of L&M Glass and he will be coming to look at the door and will provide an estimate to replace it. He stated the door needs to be replaced and then later add a push bar delay to keep someone from getting out. Alderman Jones asked when the last time was that this door was used; he was advised this door is used every day.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES March 1, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters Deputy Police Chief Hile Terry Smith Bill Newberry Cindy Dey

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

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR COURSE

Deputy Police Chief Hile is requesting approval to send two Police Officers to the Crime Scene Investigator Course sponsored and instructed by the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Unit. The Officers would be enrolled in the Fall Session beginning September 2012 and the funds would be appropriated in the FY 2012/2013 Police Budget. This course is certified through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and is also certified for 50% reimbursement. This course is 160 hours (5 weeks) of intense training covering all aspects of a crime scene. The training is held at the Illinois State Police Training Academy in Springfield with the initial cost of \$2,039.45 per Officer which includes meals. The final cost of the training would be \$1,092.88 per Officer which is more than half as there is a cap on some amounts such as the meals. The reimbursement covers the training, meals, and mileage. Deputy Chief Hile also stated there would be no additional costs associated with this training, specifically overtime.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Deputy Police Chief Hile to send two Police Officers to attend the Fall Session beginning in September 2012, of the Crime Scene Investigator Course sponsored and instructed by the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Unit at a cost not to exceed \$4,400.00. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Police Chief Hile informed the Committee that from 2/2/12 to 2/22/12 total calls for Service were 972. He presented general information and drug fact sheets pertaining to synthetic stimulants that are commonly known as "Bath Salts and K2." Both of these substances are now illegal and are being used in our community. The newer forms of K2 such as K3, K4, and K5 are causing problems and are not yet illegal. He also informed the Committee that methamphetamine is making a strong surge back into our community.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES April 5, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor BrothertonArFire Chief HackneyKyDeputy Police Chief HileLaMarlin BruneJosAlderman VotaAaAlderman WaltersSaAssistant Fire Chief CrewsSh

Andy Goodall Kyle Renfrow Laura Wolf Josh Reid Aaron Sutton Sandy Sullivan Shirley Sams

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CHARLESTON

The Committee reviewed the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Taylorville and the City of Charleston. Fire Chief Hackney advised the City of Charleston will take care of all the billing and collections, if necessary, as well as making sure all of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) requirements are met.

Chairman Burtle addressed #2 which reads that the City of Taylorville shall provide to the City of Charleston copies of each run sheet, hospital information sheets, copies of payments received and explanation of benefits received. Chief Hackney advised the Fire Department will be responsible for submitting all paperwork to the City of Charleston.

Fire Chief Hackney was asked if there was going to be a separate line item for the revenues; he advised that Treasurer France has already set up a line item for the revenues and expenditures.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Charleston with the following changes being made to amend the agreement:

• #7 currently reads: The determination to "write off" accounts shall be solely within the ambient of the Mayor of the City of Taylorville.

Amend to read: The determination to "write off" accounts shall be solely within the ambient of the **Emergency Services Committee** of the City of Taylorville.

• #9 which currently reads: All notices and contacts shall be via regular United States mail and shall be addressed as follows:

City of Charleston City Manager 520 Jackson Ave. Charleston, IL 61920 City of Taylorville Fire Chief 202 N. Main Street Taylorville, IL 62568

Amend to include: City of Taylorville Mayor 115 N. Main Street Taylorville, IL 62568

AMBULANCE ORDINANCE AND POLICIES

The Committee reviewed a Draft Ordinance regarding establishing a Municipal Ambulance Service to be incorporated within the Taylorville Fire Department. Fire Chief Hackney advised he took the language from Charleston and Mattoon.

Alderman Heberling stated that the Draft Ordinance doesn't stipulate that this service is to be used as a backup service only when the local ambulance providers are not available. After discussion the Committee agreed that item #1 and #4 needs to be amended to stipulate that these services are to be utilized as a backup service only when the local ambulance providers are not available. Chief Hackney advised this will also apply to the 9-1-1 calls.

Mayor Brotherton stated he wanted the other ambulance providers to be sent a copy of the completed Ordinance. Chairman Burtle asked how the Fire Department's rates compare with the other ambulance providers. Chief Hackney advised he was unable to obtain that information at this time.

After much discussion the Committee made the following amendments to the Draft Ordinance:

Title 1: Established; Authority

• Amend to add (E) References to Standard Operations Guidelines: 211

Title 2: Ambulance Rates:

- (G) and (H) are the same Amend by eliminating one or the other
- I- Currently reads: Ambulance fees shall be evaluated on an annual basis and adjusted if deemed necessary by the City of Taylorville. Amend to read: Ambulance fees shall be evaluated on an annual basis and adjusted if deemed necessary by the Emergency Services Committee of Taylorville.

Chief Hackney was advised by the Committee to make the noted amendments to the Draft Ordinance and present the corrected copy to the City Attorney for review prior to the April 16th City Council Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the amended Ambulance Service Draft Ordinance upon the approval of the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

FY 2012/2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to forward the FY 2012/2013 Fire Department Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

• ISO will be here on April 23, 24, & 25 to evaluate a new fire protection rating. They will study the water supply and distribution system-including actual hydrant flow tests, fire department staffing, equipment and apparatus, training records, code enforcement/pre plan records, and the receiving and handling of fire alarms. We are expected to go from a class 5/9 to a class 6/9 because of lack of a ladder truck.

- Firefighter Adermann is working on an AFG Fire Prevention & Safety Grant which will be used for Code Enforcement and Preplan Software, a fire extinguisher training props and all extinguisher training materials needed to continue the fire extinguisher training program.
- The narrow banding project is almost complete. Should be 100% compliant by end of the week.
- The Department has received an offer from several business owners to help fund and construct a training burn building behind the fire station on donated property. They are in the process of putting together a plan to submit for Council approval; their goal is to do this with no cost to the City.
- Assistant Fire Chief Crews has conducted classes with the Department on Fire Dynamics, Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher, and Tornado Tabletop Disaster Drill.
- Assistant Fire Chief Crews has conducted Severe Weather Preparedness presentations at several locations.
- Overtime was up a little due a few sick days and two Firefighters are attending Paramedic classes, they will be graduating in August; and one Firefighter is attending a Bridge Class (8 months of classes to advance from Intermediate care to Paramedic), he will be graduating in September.
- There have been 34 fires year to date and 372 calls year to date.
- Reviewed a Maintenance Report prepared by Firefighter Wamsley to keep everyone informed of the maintenance and repair needs of the Fire Department's truck and equipment fleet.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Assistant Fire Chief Crews spoke about Severe Weather Preparedness; he has given several presentations throughout the county; he shows the cloud formations to watch for, stating the spotters keep the weather service informed of any activity. The Local Emergency Planning Committee meets on a quarterly basis and there is going to be a county wide disaster drill in June.

He had attended a meeting in which a speaker from Joplin, Mo. was a speaker, and he told stories of the devastation when the tornado hit. The City lost two Fire Stations and at one of the Fire Stations a car full of people hit the building. He also advised that the City was totally destroyed to the point that they couldn't even tell where the roads were located.

Assistant Fire Chief Crews keeps it touch with the National Weather Service during the storms and if a storm is coming our way the Fire Engines would be taken out of the path of the storm in order to be able to respond when needed. He stated Christian County has had 19 tornadoes since 1986.

Chairman Burtle thanked Chief Hackney and the department for assisting the Tree Board with watering the trees the Tree Board members planted as part of the Streetscape Project located at Rt. 29 and McAdam Drive.

FY 2012/2013 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to forward the FY 2012/2013 Police Department Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Deputy Chief Hile advised the Committee to disregard the information they received in their packets as the reports are incorrect due to a problem with the computer hardware; he gave a brief summary of last month's calls.
- Reported the trainer for the Firearms Training classes commended the Officers stating they have trained in cities all over the State and our Officers are way ahead of the curve.
- Walgreens Pharmacy contacted Deputy Chief Hile on partnering up with the Department for a drug take back and installing child safety seats program. This will take place at Walgreen's Pharmacy from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M, on April 18th. This event will be advertised in the Breeze Courier.
- The first session of Bassett Training is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th.
- Advised Officer Amanda Olsta was interested in law enforcement at an early age and attended an Explorer Program. She will be overseeing a new Explorer Program for the Department. The Explorer Post is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and an Open House will be held at the Municipal Building on Monday, April 9th for youth and their parents.
- National Telecommunications Week is Sunday, April 8, and on Friday, April 13th the Department will be hosting a luncheon for the dispatchers at 11:30 A.M. and extended an invitation to the Committee to attend.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Burtle discussed the Police Department overtime report which was submitted this month and asked that this report be presented each month; stating the Fire Department has already been asked to supply their overtime reports.

There was discussion regarding grass clippings and enforcement. Deputy Chief Hile advised there has been a notice put in the paper regarding the Ordinance on grass clippings and the Officers have been advised to follow up if they see clippings in the street. Alderman Heberling advised he thought there should be zero tolerance; Deputy Chief Hile advised if the Committee wants a zero tolerance they will be receiving a lot of complaints. Alderman Walters advised he has been overseeing all the work on the storm sewer projects and that the City has spent 10 million dollars for storm sewer separation, and he wants the Officers to enforce the Ordinance as he doesn't mind the phone calls.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES July 5, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton Police Chief Herpstreith Fire Chief Hackney Alderman Vota Dwight Wagahoft Alderman Walters Marlin Brune

Joe Friesland Bill Jones Bart Bialas Cindy Dey Shirley Sams

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

PATROL VEHICLES UPDATE

Chief Herpstreith gave an update on the fleet of patrol vehicles, there are currently 17 patrol vehicles. The department recently purchased two Ford Interceptors one of them should be ready the first of next week except for the cages as they are on backorder, one will be marked one will be unmarked. Chief Herpstreith advised he will be driving one of the Chargers with high mileage and stated there are not enough cars for each officer to have their own, but two officers which are neighbors are sharing a car as they work different shifts and both are happy with that arrangement.

He was asked if all the Chargers have had front end work done, he stated one of the Chargers has not had any trouble all the others have had front end work done. He stated the Chargers were all purchased at the same time and have had a lot of problems, but the Durango's have been good vehicles.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- He informed the Committee he ran the monthly statistics report starting with his first day back 4/1/12-6/28/12. He advised the calls for service has been high and that in the month of May there were 2000.
- He is preparing to send four to five disorderly house violations by certified mail, if the houses are rental properties the owners and renters will both receive notices.
- Reported Decatur has had problems with copper theft, they are stealing the copper out of air conditioners even while they are running.

He was asked if there were any problems with the Fourth of July crowd, he stated things were calm there were only four fight calls.

After reviewing the statistic report Chairman Heberling asked Chief Herpstreith why there is such a difference in the number of arrests made by the Officers, he was advised the duties of the officers are different and some have had vacation time during that time period.

Alderman Koonce stated he wanted to commend Officer Olsta on a job well done in reviving the Explorer Post, there are presently 10-12 individuals involved. Chief Herpstreith advised they were present during the Fourth of July festivities at the Lake to help keep an eye on things, having extra people watching out helps as the Officers can't be everywhere at the same time.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Committee discussed concerns with patrolling of Chillifest if liquor is allowed. Alderman Walters advised that this was discussed during a preliminary meeting regarding the Chillifest activities and no decisions were made but advised the City has already received letters opposing it and stated this issue will be discussed at the next Street and Sewer Committee Meeting.

Chief Herpstreith stated he has received several calls regarding the condition of the property located at Third Street and Clay. The City has no jurisdiction over this area as it is outside of City Limits.

EMERGENCY SERVICES August 2, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Jones ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton Police Chief Herpstreith Fire Chief Hackney Derek Paris Alderman Walters Alderman Lawrence Shirley Sams

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

I.T.T.F. COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to apply for the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (I.T.T.F.) Communication Grant and if awarded to purchase nine Kenwood P 25 radios at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00 each for a total of \$13,500.00; with the grant approval our portion would be \$6,750.00. Motion carried 3-0.

IWIN COMPUTERS

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase three Panasonic Toughbook CF 30's from Telrepco at a total cost of \$5,560.00 and permission to connect the three with CMS at a cost of \$3,000.00 for a total combined cost of \$8,560.00. Motion carried 3-0.

AMMUNITION

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase a one year supply of ammunition from Kiesler's Police Supply at a cost not to exceed \$18,017.23. Motion carried 3-0.

DONATION TO POLICE EXPLORER POST

Alderman Koonce advised the Committee he asked Treasurer France if the City could donate \$500.00 to the Police Explorer Post. She advised he would have to ask Police Chief Herpstreith if he was in favor of this donation as the money would have to come from the Police Department Budget which has already been approved. All purchases will go through Officer Amanda Olsta with Chief Herpstreith signing the claim forms. Chief Herpstreith stated the Explorers helped at the Lake during the Fourth of July activities and will be helping in upcoming public events as it is a big help to the officers having the extra help to monitor the events.

Mayor Brotherton stated since this amount of money does not need a motion that he does not have to bring this issue to the Committee every year.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- There were 1,576 total calls for service from 7/1/12-7/25/12
- Chief Herpstreith advised there are new laws regarding the tinting of windows and he has purchased four tint meters.

Alderman Heberling arrived at 6:26 P.M.

REQUEST CAPTAIN PROMOTION

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to promote Ron Smith to Acting Fire Captain with Mr. Smith receiving the compensation for that position. Motion carried 4-0

REQUEST CAPTAIN TEST

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct Mayor Brotherton to send a letter to the Board of Police and Fire Commission to promote Acting Fire Captain Ron Smith to Fire Captain and to begin the process for a new Fire Captain List as Mr. Smith was the last name on the current list. Motion carried 4-0.

S.A.F.E.R GRANT

Fire Chief Hackney reported the S.A.F.E.R Grant is open again this year until August 10th. He advised there are new guidelines. The grant now covers two firefighter salaries for two years with no layoff provisions. He stated the timing is great as the last grant will run out as of October 1st. There were some concerns regarding hiring two firefighters then not having the funds available to keep them.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Hackney to apply for the 2012 S.A.F.E.R. Grant. Motion carried 4-0

RETIREE REPLACEMENT

No action taken at this time on retiree replacements as they are waiting to see the outcome of the S.A.F.E.R. grant.

PURCHASE FIRE GEAR

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Hackney to purchase five sets (coats and pants) of fire gear at a cost of \$1,500.00 each for a total of \$7,500.00. Motion carried 4-0

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Knox boxes-While doing inspections the firefighters have discovered several buildings that have been built recently do not have the required Knox boxes. They are working on correcting this and discussing ways to prevent this from happening in the future. The Committee discussed the possibility of having the information for Knox boxes be part of the building permit criteria.
- The Department has been busy training at the Old Larry's Service Center. He reported the majority of the Firefighters came in each day to assist the on-duty crews. CVS has produced a contract giving the Department the opportunity for three days of drills.
- Nick Hackney and Matt Phillips graduated LLCC Paramedic Program fulfilling all academic and clinical requirements. Final exams were scored in mid-90's%.
- Presented the Committee with a handout comparing the response time with Three Firefighters compared to Four Firefighters to assist. It shows how much quicker the transport time is with four.

For example:	<u>Cardiac Arrest</u> Shift 1- 3 Firefighters 1 st shock 1:32 4 Firefighters 1 st shock :59		and transport ready 4.44 and transport ready 3:31
	Trauma Assessment 3 firefighters 5:58	4 Firefighters	3:46

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Fire Chief Hackney advised he received the ISO Public Protection Classification Summary. He is very happy to report we are now a class 5/8B.

With a score of 59.08 total credits we are only .92 away from reaching the 1988 City Council goal of a Class 4 (60.00 credits). In the 2003 survey we received a score of 50.89, a Class 5/9.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES September 6, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton Alderman Lawrence Alderman Dorchinecz Superintendent Wiseman Police Chief Herpstreith

Laura Wolfe Shirley Sams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Jones

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

WORKSTATION COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Committee he is requesting permission to purchase two desktop computers to replace the old workstations. They currently have two workstations running Windows XP that need replaced that are approximately 10-12 years old. He stated he had been using parts taken from other computers to keep them operating but he is now out of parts. He stated this would bring the number of computers for the department to eight but that he would probably need one more in the future to complete the department. The workstations are used by personnel to complete paperwork and forms that are tied into their Records Management System for generating police reports.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase two computers including monitors from Patrick 411 at a cost of \$1,393.00 each. Motion carried 3-0.

MOVING RADAR

Chief Herpstreith advised the department has a number of cars not equipped with radar and is requesting to purchase two radar units. He was asked if this was a budgeted item; he stated it was.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase two Stalker Dual Moving Radar Units on Illinois State Bid at a price of \$1,399.00 each. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Herpstreith advised there were 1,955 total calls for service for August. Chief Herpstreith advised the Department has been very busy with reports following the recent plane crash and stated the recent arson case will take months to complete. He stated it takes a lot of manpower to complete all the necessary reports for these incidents.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Eventide recorder is showing an error message that the hard drive has failed; Nelson Systems will ship a new one. Chief Herpstreith stated he has already retrieved the data as the system is set up to duplicate the records but the department is working with only one hard drive.

The Fire Department has obtained their Transport ALS license which now allows them to officially begin ambulance services.

The Committee discussed a report received regarding the Gingko trees on the square, this information will be forwarded to the Tree Board Committee.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 1, 2012

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle Alderman Jones Alderman Heberling Alderman Koonce Mayor Brotherton ALSO PRESENT Captain Andy Goodall Dave Herpstreith Dick Wiseman Alan Jackson Cindy Dey

Alderman Walters Cody Rogers Jon Wamsley Kyle Romadka Cindy Brown

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

Tires-Fire Engine 1

Firefighter Jon Wamsley presented the Committee with the State Bid prices from Larry's Service Center for Fire Engine 1 Tires.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to authorize Fire Chief Hackney to purchase two (2) front 385/65 R22.5 Firestone T839 tires at a cost of \$600.84 each and to purchase four (4) rear 315/80 R22.5 Firestone T819 tires at a cost of \$596.00 each, with a total cost not to exceed \$3,750.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Brake Service-Engines 1 & 3

Firefighter Wamsley also presented estimates for brake service from ATI Services of Illinois LLC for Fire Engines 1 & 3.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to authorize Chief Hackney to employ ATI Services of Illinois LLC to perform the necessary brake service to Fire Engine 1 with a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to authorize Chief Hackney to employ ATI Services of Illinois LLC to perform the necessary brake service to Fire Engine 3 with a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Spiller Pay/Non-Resident Ordinance

Captain Goodall explained to the Committee the proposed changes to Title 4-1-12 of the Taylorville City Code pertaining to Fire Protection, emergency medical and/or rescue services and/or water recovery and/or hazardous material spills and/or any situation where the Fire Department Service is requested and the fees assessed for any person who does not currently reside within the boundaries of the City of Taylorville or the Taylorville Fire Protection District.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend Title 4-1-12 of the Taylorville City Code pertaining to the Spiller Pay/Non-Resident Ordinance with the changes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report

Chairman Burtle informed the Committee that Assistant Fire Chief Mike Crews left today with IEMA for New York to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Captain Goodall informed the Committee that the Foreign Fire Tax Board purchased a defibrillator for the ALS Transport.

In-Car Video Systems

Police Chief Herpstreith has researched on board video systems for the patrol vehicles and that according to the Chatham Police Department they are very pleased with the system from 10-8 Video Digital Evidence Solutions. The video systems enhance evidence gained on traffic stops, as well as can reduce the time spent on citizen complaints. He is requesting to order two (2) 10-8 Video Digital Evidence Solutions 2 camera systems with 2.4ghz Wireless Microphones at \$1,795.00 each for a total of \$3,590.00.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to authorized Chief Herpstreith to purchase two (2) 10-8 Video Digital Evidence Solutions 2 camera systems with 2.4ghz Wireless Microphones at a cost of \$1,795.00 each for a total of \$3,590.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Department of Justice BVP Grant

Chief Herpstreith informed the Committee that the Police Department received approximately \$2,800.00 from the Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant. The grant is applied for every two years and will provide 50% funding for the replacement of expired body armor or for the purchase of new body armor.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Herpstreith advised there were 1,384 total calls for service for October and the department had a fairly quiet Halloween.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

EMERGENCY SERVICES December 6, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Burtle Alderman Koonce Alderman Heberling Alderman Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton Alderman Lawrence Alderman Dorchinecz Alderman Walters Deputy Chief Hile Fire Chief Hackney Kyle Ramadka Jonathan Wamsley Andy Lasswell Shirley Sams Cody Rogers Bob Dunn Kyle Renfrow Andy Goodall Matthew Adermann Matt Peters

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 7:23 P.M.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the November monthly status report; there were 1,756 Total Calls for Service. Deputy Police Chief Hile advised the Department has been busy with some big cases which acquire a lot of time and reported the Department desperately needs another Investigator due to the increase of sexual offenders, theft and drug cases.

Deputy Chief Hile was asked for an update regarding the Explorer Program. He stated Officer Amanda Olsta is doing a good job and has added some new members. He stated the Explorers had a fundraiser at Pizza Hut recently. Alderman Jones asked that the next time they have a fundraiser that the Aldermen be advised and to post it to make everyone aware.

Chairman Burtle thanked Deputy Chief Hile and Fire Chief Hackney for arranging for the Committee to view the two 2013 Police Ford Interceptors and the 1993 Ford F-350 Type III Ambulance for the Fire Department. Deputy Chief Hile advised that the cars are fully equipped except for bars across the windows to prevent them from getting broken with someone fighting or kicking during transport.

Fire Captain Goodall discussed equipment on the ambulance and advised when they are called out there is always a medic and an EMT on board. He was asked why the ambulance and Fire Engine both respond to a call; he advised the Fire Station is centrally located and if an ambulance is not available the Fire Department handles the call.

SAFER GRANT UPDATES

Fire Chief Hackney advised the Committee he received an 1199A which is a good indicator that the Department has been selected to receive the S.A.F.E.R Grant; but he has not received official notification as of yet. He advised that in the past when he received the 1199A it was followed with an e-mail and phone call of the award. He stated there are new guidelines this year; the grant now covers two firefighter salaries for two years with no layoff provisions.

Chief Hackney advised he would need a meeting if he hears if he has gotten the grant. Chairman Burtle advised he will call a meeting at that time.

He stated that he was not aware if the eligibility lists have been completed. The Committee asked if there was anything that could be done to speed the process up as the last eligibility list had expired. He stated Mr. Stich of the Board of Police and Fire Commission advised the list expired because the City asked that they hold off on starting the new list due to financial restraints.

Chairman Burtle advised in the future they need to make sure the list stays active due to the time frames included in the grant process. Mayor Brotherton agreed the lists should never have expired. Chairman Burtle asked if Mr. Stich could be contacted and advised of the possible award of the SAFER Grant stating they have to have the list available when the grant is awarded. Chief Hackney stated if awarded the grant the two new firefighters would replace the last two retirees.

HIRING STANDARDS

Chief Hackney stated they have been trying to change the Board of Police and Fire Commission minimum hiring requirements to require that at the time of hiring the candidate must be a paramedic. He stated it is too late to implement any changes on the list that is being finalized at this time but in the future they need to already be a paramedic or in the process of training to be a paramedic. He stated this would save money as the City wouldn't have the fees for training and if for some reason a new candidate doesn't pass the State Boards they wouldn't have a firefighter hired that couldn't run with the ambulance.

Chief Hackney advised that the cost for Paramedic Training is between \$3,500.00-\$4,000.00. He advised the first three firefighters classes were paid for by a grant, some paid for classes and were reimbursed and there is one taking a crossover class now and will be asking for reimbursement upon completion. Alderman Jones asked how many of the current Firefighters were paramedics at the time of hiring; Chief Hackney advised four. He then asked if a candidate had a nursing degree would that qualify. He was advised no that a nursing degree and paramedic are two different occupations. Chief Hackney also advised the Committee to keep in mind that it takes a minimum of a year before a candidate can be allowed to respond on their own, so that candidate would not help with the overtime issues because you have to have a paramedic on call at all times. Ten of the thirteen firefighters are paramedics.

Assistant Fire Chief Crews advised that the trend is for the candidate to be a paramedic or Firefighter II to be hired. Alderman Jones asked if this is the trend now or is this just beginning. Mr. Crews stated this is implemented in several communities now. He advised the Committee that if they send a candidate to Academy to become a firefighter II and they don't pass short of terminating them, what is the department going to do with them?

Chief Hackney then discussed different circumstances that award candidates preference points, such as college education, Fire Academy Training and military service.

There was a request for a motion for the City Council to direct the Mayor to ask the Board of Police and Fire Commission to modify the rules for the minimum requirement to be a paramedic starting with the next eligibility list beginning in 2014.

Alderman Walters and Alderman Burtle asked if this would cause a conflict with the Union. Mayor Brotherton advised Chief Hackney to put what he wants changed in writing stating the attorney would have to make sure these changes can be done. He stated he knows with the Police Department there are some State Statutes that limit what can be changed. The Committee was advised that Chatham currently has that their candidates have to be a paramedic to test. No motion was made at this time, but will be an agenda item for next month's Emergency Services Committee Meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hackney discussed the ISO Public Classification as he is looking at ways to improve the Department's ISO rating. He advised ISO requires that all preplans be digitally available in the vehicles, currently the preplans are paper in a file. Assistant Fire Chief Crews applied for a grant for computers and software but did not receive it. Firefighter Ramadka did some research on his own and was able to gain access to the program he needed for free. Firefighter Ramadka gave a presentation of the software which outlines the building inside showing the room layout, entrances etc and the roof which shows where all the heating/cooling components are located. He stated he has the capabilities to do residents homes as well as businesses if they would want to have their home layout on record; but the businesses will be done first. The Departments goal is to complete fifteen businesses a month including layout and preplans.

The Foreign Fire Tax Board purchased notebook computers for the Department. Alderman Walters advised the Committee that the Supervisor of Assessors have some layouts of homes on their software so Firefighter Ramadka may want to contact them also. The Committee thanked Kyle for his presentation and Chief Hackney advised this is an invaluable tool and will help with the ISO rating.

Assistant Fire Chief Crews advised that Janet Wilmoth, Editor of Fire Chief Magazine which is a national magazine is considering doing an article featuring the work that Firefighter Ramadka has done.

Fire Chief Hackney discussed a Light Duty Policy which Assistant Fire Chief Crews has put together after a lot of research and discussion with the Union to keep injured Firefighters working. Their thoughts were if allowed to work light duty when injured if possible this would help keep the employees informed of day to day operations rather than being completely out of the station for a period of time which should help bring down the Workers Compensation Premiums. In the past if someone was injured they were advised to stay out of the Fire Station altogether but if they could make it possible to work Light Duty they had a list of jobs that they could do which would keep them involved but out of harms way such as documenting training, Public Education, keeping the communication room staffed etc. Chairman Burtle thought this was a wonderful idea, but Alderman Heberling advised if you allow an employee which was injured in a non job related injury the City could be taking on more of a liability which would increase the Workers Comp instead of decreasing it. He stated a private sector would never allow an injured person to come back to work. Alderman Burtle felt if released by a doctor that should be sufficient. After discussion the Committee felt it needed to be looked into by the Workers Comp carrier. Chief Hackney was asked how they would know if a firefighter was on light duty or not; the Committee was advised they could wear class B uniforms which is a more casual uniform.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Firefighter Jon Wamsley presented the Committee with a detailed Apparatus Needs Assessment Plan on the Fire Departments equipment. Chief Hackney advised the costs for maintenance is going to start adding up. Chairman Burtle asked how many times the ambulance has been utilized and how the billing has been handled. He stated the ambulance has been utilized four times with about \$4,000.00 being billed which is done through Charleston. They do all the paperwork and the program is going very smoothly. It took about three weeks for the first check to come in.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not a resident should be allowed to request which ambulance service they want to respond including the Fire Department. Mayor

Brotherton reminded the Committee that the ambulance service was to be utilized as a backup service only. Chairman Burtle asked that this be placed on next month's Emergency Services Committee Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.