

EMERGENCY SERVICES

October 7, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Brown
Alderman Olive
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Chief Wheeler
Chief Adermann
Assistant Chief Childers
HR Manager Conrath

Alderman Wilson
Treasurer Hamell
Superintendent Mann
Lieutenant Toberman

ABSENT

Alderman Driskell

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

SCBA AFG GRANT

Fire Chief Adermann was present to discuss the status of the SBGA AFG Grant. Funding requirements have changed as well as the total amount awarded. The Fire Department originally requested \$230,250.00, but the actual awarded amount was \$175,000.00. \$166,666.67 will be the Federal Share, with the City Share of \$8,750.00. The change was due to the reduced amount funded for Air Paks of \$7,000.00 each. Chief Adermann is negotiating with NES for the price, as they offered a cheaper price to a neighboring community. He provided several purchase options and noted that all purchase options include an "as long as you own it" warranty. Once a decision has been reached, the City would waive the bidding process and purchase. Once ordered, FEMA deposits the funds directly into the City account and then the City pays the invoice. He stated that he had budgeted for these new air packs in the equipment line item in the amount of \$250,000.00.

MONITOR REPLACEMENT

Fire Chief Adermann requested to purchase a refurbished cardiac monitor due to upcoming changes with the FDA. The monitor is certified and the price quoted is \$5,500.00.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Adermann to purchase the Physio-Control LifePak 15 Defibrillator from Master Medical Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The motion carried 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- September 2021 busiest month of this year and in last 15 years
- 75% all ambulance calls Covid patients; increase in total calls
- New Firefighter Andrew Watson hired; will be sworn in October 18, 2021
- Nick Hackney has been promoted to Assistant Fire Chief; will be sworn in October 18, 2021
- Eric Dodd to reimburse City for training, academy, etc. upon resignation
- Participated in events: lockdown drill at THS, Meet the Machines
- 785.48 training hours in various topics
- COVID testing now mandated at TFD
- Discussed new App available for messaging possibly county wide: Hyper Reach/Code Red

PURCHASE OF VAN FOR SEARCH WARRANTS

Chief Wheeler requested to purchase a van to be used for drug buys. Asset Forfeiture funds would be used toward the purchase of the van. 65% of the money collected will come to the City with approval from the State.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Wheeler to purchase a van at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. The motion carried 3-0.

NEW RECRUIT PROGRESS

Chief Wheeler stated that two new recruits are at the Academy and doing well; Ryan Tapp and Chaz Dees.

COVID 19 BONUSES

Chief Wheeler discussed Officer retention and the potential retirement of Lieutenant Toberman, and learned at a recent training conference that retention is an issue nationwide. Giving bonuses with the CURES Act money would help with morale. He also mentioned the ARPA funds that are going to be available. Chief Adermann stated that there are stipulations to the use of both funds. He thought bonuses would show appreciation to our employees. Chief Wheeler knew of a department that offered \$6,000.00 bonuses to their officers. He thought between \$3,000.00 - \$6,000.00 would be appropriate. The Mayor stated that he and HR Manager Conrath had discussed this subject with Labor Attorney Franklin who recommended the City put aside money into an escrow account to provide additional funds for contract negotiations for renewal in 2023. Chief Adermann noted that ARPA Funds must be spent within four years, but a plan should be in place within two year. Treasurer Hamell stated that \$5,000,00 bonuses would not be possible in this fiscal year budget for Police. She reminded the Committee that at this time last year the City had only \$400,000.00; the CURES Act simply replace funds spent. No employees went without a paycheck. Superintendent Mann noted that his department as well as others help each other to help the City function.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Community Action and Emergency Response Teams have conducted search warrants
- Fewer calls for service but highest month for Patrol citations
- IDOT Grants for Labor Day and speed enforcement
- Fleet exchange almost complete
- 12 Criminal Investigations; Community Policing Cookies and Books event
- Officer Priddy was Officer of the Third Quarter
- Drug Diversion Grant: 7-8 departments in State will receive; 8 month grant for Drug Diversion

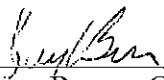
ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Wheeler discussed the policies of the Taylorville Police Department Facebook Page. No threats are allowed on this page.

Mayor Barry informed the Committee that there will be a Halloween Parade on October 23, 2021.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



Doug Brown, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee