

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 6, 2022

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Brown  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Skultety  
Alderman Driskell

## ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Chief Wheeler  
Chief Adermann  
Assistant Chief Childers  
Alderman Wilson  
Treasurer Hamell

Tammy Rogers  
Mike Wilmore  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Bryant  
Traci Bentley  
Derek McConnell

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

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for 2021 are up from calls in 2020
- Department has been doing training in a number of different areas
- Volunteer Colin Ayers completed BOF class and will be certified this year through the State
- New Hire Dillon Goldsmith will start January 17, 2022
- Captain Ron Smith's official last day with TFD is January 9, 2022
- Angel Tree was able to help 160 children have a great Christmas, also helped Mother with a special needs child
- Hosted Blood Drive/Pub Ed-extrication class for LLCC, installed car seats and smoke alarm
- District decided to go ahead with purchase of Tanker
- TFD had calls for 2 cardiac saves within two hours and a grain bin rescue

Captain Cody Rogers, Firefighter Zepin, and Firefighter Wamsley assisted as mutual aid to the Midland Fire Protection District for a residential home fire. All three of the firefighters who responded to the call worked over and above what is normally expected of a TFD member at a routine call. Their actions will be honored at a future date.

## PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL K-9 UNIT

Chief Wheeler advised the Committee that not much has changed since the last discussion about the purchase of the additional K-9 unit. Schools for K-9 training are hard to get into right now. Cane County has a K-9 training school available at a cost of \$2,000.00 for a six-week training course. Chief Wheeler had previously asked for \$12,000.00 to cover the cost of dog training, equipping a vehicle and a hotel stay for the officer during K-9 training. Chief Wheeler is now asking for \$14,000.00 to cover costs due to prices going up. There was discussion about funds to cover costs, to possibly come from cannabis tax. Treasurer Hamell advised she looked into using money from cannabis tax and it is unclear if it can or cannot be used for a K-9.

## POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Wheeler is working on the annual report, and advised the Committee that he will send a pdf file to all Alderman with the completed report when he is finished. Chief Wheeler discussed a few highlights of the upcoming annual report with the Committee, and gave updates on calls for service, employees and engagement with the community. He also touched on the subject of getting the officer hiring lists updated with potential candidates for future hires. At this time there are only two names on the list. One of the candidates has informed the department of an out of state move in a few months and the other previously failed the psych test.

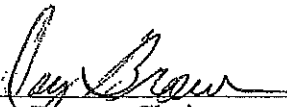
## ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Budd expressed his concerns about the school crossing at Cherokee and Cleveland streets. He stated that with cars parking on the East side of Cherokee, it creates a blind spot blocking the view to the South. People that are driving in the area during school times are not paying attention to the crossing guard, and he has also witnessed distracted driving. Alderman Budd would like to see police presence in the area to help prevent

accidents or possible injuries to children. Chief Wheeler stated that he has noticed congestion in that area. He stated that he would like to set up a sting operation in that area to see about getting the issue under control. Alderman Olive would like to see solar sign with lights in the area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

  
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Doug Brown, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee