

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 7, 2021

### 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  
Treasurer Nation  
Andrea Conrath  
Kellie Hamell

Alan Mills  
Wesley Withrow  
Shirley Sams  
Mike Mann  
Geoffrey Ortman  
Owen Lasswell  
Doug Brown  
Steve Dorchinecz

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

### USDA GRANT UPDATE

Chief Wheeler applied for a USDA Grant to put in a new concrete parking area for the Police Department. His request made it to Washington and through the first three stages before it was declined. He was informed the City was not bad enough financially to receive this grant, but advised him to apply for a new Police vehicle. Mayor Barry recommended that the concrete for the Police Department be placed on the next Public Facility Committee Agenda.

Chief Wheeler stated a new 2021 Ford Explorer would cost approximately \$60,000.00; if the City were awarded the grant, the cost to the City would be \$ 22,795.00. Alderman Driskell asked if they do get the grant for a new car which vehicle would be replaced; she was advised the Department would not be replacing any. The Tahoe is a 2009 and the Crown Victoria is having issues.

### TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES

Chief Wheeler presented the "Ten Shared Principles" to the Committee and advised it will be posted in the Police Department. "The 10 Shared Principles" was designed to build trust between law enforcement and communities; principles include not being biased towards anyone, show dignity and respect to others, and that racism will not be allowed.

### POLICE FEDERAL REFORM USE OF FORCE TRAINING

Chief Wheeler advised the Police Department was issued a Federal Use of Force Certification. This letter states that the Police Department meets the federal use of force eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants.

There are several changes that will be mandated in the way Officers are allowed to subdue subjects. He wants to stay ahead of the upcoming changes and recommends the Officers enroll in a class for hands-on training. Police Sergeant Wesley Withrow was present to discuss Jiu Jitsu classes which he is already participating in. The classes are being offered locally and the cost is \$85.00 per Officer. These classes would teach on hand techniques to subdue a subject with minimal force to make a safe arrest. There are currently eleven members of the Department interested in taking the classes. The Committee recommended that the Officers make at least a three-month commitment to attending these classes. Sergeant Withrow would keep track of who attends the classes. The classes will be on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Chief Wheeler stated the Officers would attend the classes on their own time, not while on duty. Mayor Barry asked how it would be handled if they are enrolled in classes but are scheduled to work that day. Chief Wheeler advised the Officers would have to attend the classes to fit their schedules; there would be no overtime involved. He also advised there is \$20,000.00 in the budget for shooting but he plans to cut the budget for shooting to \$10,000.00 and use the other \$10,000.00 for the training classes.

City Clerk Lilly will be asked to place police training on the January 19, 2021 City Council Agenda.

### **PURCHASE OF IR NIGHT VISION FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES**

Chief Wheeler advised the purchase of the IR Night Vision will be covered by grant funds that have already been deposited into the City's account.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase one IR Night Vision at a cost not to exceed \$1,299.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### **PURCHASE OF 3 PORTABLE ALCOHOL BREATH TESTERS**

Chief Wheeler stated he has grant money to cover the purchase of three portable alcohol breath testers from grant money already deposited into the City's account.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase three Portable Alcohol Breath Testers at a cost of \$159.99 each. Motion carried 4-0.

### **PURCHASE OF ENCLOSED EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN TRAILER**

Chief Wheeler discussed the purchase of an 10'X7' Enclosed Evidence Technician Trailer which will be used to collect evidence. The Department has funds available from past asset forfeiture funds. The approximate cost for trailer and generator is \$15,000.00. He will have the actual dollar amount before the January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting. Treasurer Nation was in attendance and advised the actual cash amount from past asset forfeitures that can be used is approximately \$21,000.00.

The trailer would be equipped with proper storage supplies and shelving, and would have a generator for electricity to sample evidence at the crime scene. There would be an Officer inside trailer to bag and label the evidence as it is brought to the trailer. He would need to have two Officers attend training which is a two-day training class. The Department has one car and one truck that would be capable to pull the trailer. The trailer would be stored in the Sally Port at the Police Department.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase an Enclosed Evidence Technician Trailer at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- Calls for Service-December 2020 -1282      Calls for Service- December 2019-1322
- Department is working on new Federal and State Reforms and Mental Illness Training
- Community programs/policing- Christmas Shop with a Cop , Birthday Parties, Santa Police
- Helped with victims of a fire, was able to provide clothing, received \$300.00 from citizens.
- New CAD system training starting the week of January 18, 2021 for Administrators
- New computers have been installed in all stations, squad room, and dispatch and will be working on investigations next.
- Covid-19 Vaccines-only four in the Department are willing to receive the vaccine

The annual report will be complete by the end of the month.

### **OSFM GRANT**

Fire Chief Adermann asked for approval to apply for an OSFM (Office of State Fire Marshal) grant to use for turnout gear.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to apply for the OSFM Grant for the purchase of turnout gear. Motion carried 4-0.

### SAW REPLACEMENT

The Department is low on equipment; Chief Adermann requested to order 3 chain saws. The Department had permission in 2018 to sell radios; they were not sold at that time. Finance Chairman Budd advised there are funds in the budget to cover this expense.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Fire Chief Adermann to order three chain saws at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### CURES UPDATE

Chief Adermann was informed there would be new information at the first of the year regarding the Local Cure funding, but he has not received anything to date. The City has been reimbursed for everything previously submitted, which totals over \$430,000.00.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service- December 179 Year End-1766
- Training in- Capnography, Haz-Mat spills, Febrile Fevers, Fire Behavior, SCBA Donning, Physical Fitness
- Angel Tree helped 210 kids this year; this is the most they have had in nine years. They also helped seven additional families
- Grain Bin Rescue- Assisted DFD and Stonington with hoisting individual out of corn, secured both individuals to life line
- TFD T-1 and Tanker responded to assist with a fire in downtown Pana, were on the scene for approximately two hours
- Seven members of the Department have taken the COVID Vaccinations; more are scheduled to receive it on a voluntary basis

Chief Adermann also presented the Committee with a November Activity Report.

Chief Adermann reported Captain Hackney noticed flames coming out of the attic of a house in the same area of his residence. He responded; there were three residents in the house that did not realize the house was on fire.

The End of Year report will be given at the February meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

  
Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee