

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

October 1, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Bryant

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Police Chief Wheeler  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Fire Chief Adermann

Owen Lasswell  
Shirley Sams

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

### PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE RADIOS

Chief Wheeler requested to purchase two Police radios for one of the new Police Officers and have one as a spare.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase two Police radios from Global Technical Systems at a cost not to exceed \$3,100.00, which includes all accessories. Motion carried 4-0.

### PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE TASERS

Chief Wheeler requested to purchase two tasers for one of the new Police Officers and have one as a spare.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase two tasers and four Tactical Performance Power Magazines from Axon Enterprise, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$ 2,498.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### 10 SHARED PRINCIPLES

Chief Wheeler discussed "The 10 Shared Principles" which has been recommended by the Illinois Police Chiefs Association. All agencies should adopt this, due to the culture in policing. The NAACP Illinois State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police agreed to "The 10 shared Principles" designed to build trust between law enforcement and communities.

This consists of the Mayor and Police Chief signing a board which lists "The 10 Shared Principles". By signing this, the City of Taylorville adopts these principles. Chief Wheeler mentioned several principles, such as not being biased towards anyone, show dignity and respect to others, and that racism will not be allowed. This board would be housed inside the Police Department. The cost of the board was \$37.00, Mayor Barry stated he would cover the cost.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the adoption of the "10 Shared Principles" and direct the Mayor and Police Chief to sign. Motion carried 4-0.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

"The National Night Out" will be at the Taylorville Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. This event will include the counties of Stonington, Assumption and Edinburg. The Police and Fire Departments will be present. There are several volunteers, including members of Salvage Dogs, to help. There will be games and food. Ron's Produce and Taylorville Food Center have donated food.

### GRANTS

The Department received the approval of a grant for \$19,376.64 to \$30,000 for traffic enforcement under project number HS-21-0222. Mr. Wolf from Illinois Department of Transportation will be here October 14, 2020 to assist the Chief with putting together a plan on how to use the funds.

He also applied for a grant for new police technology under 21-0343-99 for \$17,390.00 that has not been approved, but is currently being reviewed.

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

- Calls for Service-September 2020-1355 September 2019-1616
- Collected \$1,000.00 towing fees for the month
- New Lateral Police Officers are doing well. Officer Priddy is on her own, Officer Just will be released on Friday, and Officer Grove will be next week.
- There are Law Publication Books to pass out to the community
- Safe Passage has helped 12 individuals this month
- Planning the Halloween Event

Chief Wheeler presented the Traffic Citation and Arrests by Officers Information to the Committee. He continues to get a lot of support from the community. The Department has had very good arrest numbers this month, including getting Methamphetamine suppliers off the streets.

He presented the Committee with the budget which shows the equipment line item at \$50,246.77 which is 28.71 percent of the budget. The City has received \$26,982.26 in grant money so far this year which is under a different line item. Last year the Department was awarded almost \$80,000.00 in grants.

Police Chief Wheeler advised Dispatch Terminal Two has a hardware failure and the hard drive is giving out per CTL. Dispatch Terminal One has a history of performance related crashes and three other computers are having issues. The Department needs five but are in desperate need of two. The Department is fortunate to have a couple of good tech Officers that build computers. They built the Hard Drive in upstairs room in the Police Department, which is very high quality. The price for each computer to build is \$1,222.57, which is a huge savings from buying a terminal that is complete. This computer issue will be placed on the Monday, October 5, 2020 City Council Agenda.

Jeremy Alwerdt will be invited to the October 5, 2020 City Council Meeting in recognition of receiving Police Officer of the Year; Deputy Chief Childers was second.

### **TRUCK 1 UPDATE/REPAIR**

Fire Chief Adermann informed the Committee that Truck 1 has transmission that was leaking. He had the truck repaired at Rush Truck Center at a cost of \$1,423.44, per previous Council approval.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Calls for service-120
- 27 Public Service Calls
- Training-250.5 Man Hours
- Working on Inspections
- Eric Dodd has received exceptional reports for his physical fitness; both Kobe and Eric are performing above standards.
- There were 25 Firefighter applicants tested; the next step will be interviews set up by the Board of Fire and Police Commission.
- October is Fire Prevention Month. The Department will have virtual visits with schools and videos for home schooling. Kitchen fires/Safety will be addressed for 2020
- ARFF Aircraft Rescue Firefighting- Mt. Vernon Airport Authority came to the Fire Department to teach Aircraft Incidents.

Chief Adermann discussed the CURES Funding, advising the Cure Program has recently been changed. The Department of Treasury has allowed for reimbursement of wages for essential workers for public safety and those who directly support such employees such as dispatchers and supervisory personnel for services provided during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020. \$463,932.00 was allocated to Taylorville.

He is submitting a request of \$453,075.35. This will be the first installment for payroll submitted. Requested to date is \$453,075.35, leaving \$7,145.85 to cover City Hall cleaning. He will be discussing a plan for utilization of funds received, such as hazard pay, capital expenses etc.

Chief Adermann presented the Committee with a detailed sheet listing expenses relating to materials purchased for the City he submitted for reimbursement, the City received a check for \$2,189.73.

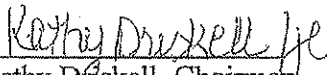
**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor Barry asked all Aldermen in attendance to drive by 711 West Poplar to look at a house he is recommending that the City demolish. This will be an item on the October 5, 2020 City Council Agenda.

He also advised there will be a Finance Committee Meeting prior to the City Council Meeting beginning at 5:00 P.M. for the City's annual Audit review.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

  
Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee