

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

December 2, 2021

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Brown  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Driskell

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Chief Wheeler  
Chief Adermann  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Superintendent Mann

Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Bryant  
Treasurer Hamell  
Crystal Nichols

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Skultety

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

### PURCHASE PPE

Fire Chief Adermann discussed the need to purchase two sets of Turn Out Gear. Mac's Fire & Safety provided a quote of \$2,409.00 and advised the prices will go up in January. Chief Adermann explained he was initially going to purchase one set now and one set at a later date but the price has already gone up 5% since the last quote he received. Chief Adermann requests to purchase both sets now, prior to the January increase.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to allow Chief Adermann to purchase two sets of Turn Our Gear from Mac's Fire & Safety at a cost not to exceed \$2,409.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 179 Total Calls
- TWIAGE – A new app being used to relay patient information to the hospital prior to arrival
- CPR Class at Taylorville Estates, First Aid and CPR discussions with 4-H, Assisted with Flu Clinic, Five Car Seats Installed
- TRIAD Senior Citizen Group – CPR, Fire Extinguishers, Smoke and CO2 Alarms
- Participated in MABAS Drill
- Angel Tree – Over 150 names this year
- Hero Grant – Applied for a 50/50 match grant for PPE (Body Armor), 7 vests and plates, estimated cost is \$1,200.00

### PURCHASE OF 3 PORTABLE RADIOS

Deputy Chief Childers discussed the need to being replacement of older radios advising several of the current radios are 10-12 years old. He explained there is not currently enough radios to equip the new recruits. The quote received from Kenwood is \$4,882.50. The department requests to purchase 3 radios at this time and gradually replace all older radios over time.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase 3 Portable Radios from Kenwood at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### UPDATE ON NEW HIRES AT THE POLICE ACADEMY

Police Chief Wheeler advised both new officers are doing well at the academy. Graduation will be December 16, 2021.

### ADDITIONAL K-9 UNIT

Chief Wheeler revisited the discussion for the need to consider a second K-9 Unit to assist with the night shift. He advised there are two officers currently interested in the position. The all-in cost (K-9, Training, Equipment) is approximated at \$15,000.00 plus yearly vet and food costs. Alderman Driskell questioned whether or not there are funds available to cover costs. Chief Wheeler advised this not budgeted for this year, but believes costs can be offset by grants or by the revenue brought in via tow release fees. The K-9 will need to be purchased at least two weeks prior to the class beginning February 28, 2022.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to move forward with the purchasing and training involved in the department obtaining a second K-9 Unit at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### BILL TAYLORVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RESOURCE OFFICERS

Police Chief Wheeler advised he will be billing the Taylorville School District \$122,000.00 for the two Resource Officers.

### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

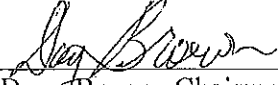
- Community Action Team now includes Edinburg, Kincaid, Morrisonville, Assumption and Stonington. Sheriff's Office is still undecided.
- 6 Drug Arrests
- Tow Release Fees - \$1,500.00; \$30,000 YTD
- 720 Incidents in the month of October, theft is the most reported crime with the most arrests
- Community: Helped 30 families for Thanksgiving; received \$2,000.00 donation to Safe Passage from IDOC; Shop with a Cop will be held December 15, 2021.

### ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Olive discussed the cost of removing the retaining wall between the two parking areas behind the Police Department. He advised Brad Tullis has met with Benton & Associates. Only a portion of the wall can be removed due to the different elevations and slopes. The cost to remove a portion of the wall is \$2,750.00.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

  
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Doug Brown, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee