

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

March 4, 2021

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Acting Chairman Bryant  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Lanzotti

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Police Chief Wheeler  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Fire Chief Adermann  
Treasurer Nation

Mike Mann  
Bill Newberry  
Crystal Nichols  
Shirley Sams

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathy Driskell

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

### PURCHASE OF CELLEBRITE AND THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READERS

Chief Wheeler explained the cellebrite system is used to download cell phones. The device can be put on two computers and will be a big asset for the Department as well as the States Attorney's Office. The States Attorney's Office will pay \$5,000.00 towards the purchase as it will help his department to build information. Total cost to the City is \$10,695.00. There is a yearly license fee of \$4,300.00, but there are several area Police Departments that are contributing \$600.00 each that will go towards this annual fee.

Chief Wheeler also asked to purchase two Brite Rekor license plate readers at a cost of \$17,390.00. There will be one for day shift and one for night shift. This is the future technology that can read license plates for stolen vehicles, suspended licenses etc. in passing the vehicle.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase a Cellebrite System at a cost to the City of \$10,965.00, with the States Attorney's Office paying \$5,000.00 for a total of \$15,965.00; and to approve the purchase of two license plate readers at a cost of \$17,390.00 for a combined total for the City of \$28,355.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### PURCHASE OF COPIER

Alderman Olive asked that the purchase of the copier for the Police Department be tabled at this time.

### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service- 1113
- The CSI trailer is in at Lilly Signs
- The State has a St. Patrick Day Campaign Grant that will pay the City for two extra patrol Officers
- There was a zoom meeting regarding President Biden's new bill that contains 4 billion dollars specifically for (COPS) grant programs which can be spent on developing crime prevention; it is geared toward organizations serving populations of 150,000 and less. There will be \$350 billion for State, Local and Tribal Governments, many of which have experienced a reduction in tax revenue as a result of the pandemic. These bills have not been voted on yet.
- Officer Dickey received his Drone School Certification, Officer Ponzel attended Crime Scene Training and Officers Alwerdt and Dickey will be attending Entry Training for Search Warrants. Detective Adams and Officer Bolinger are now Homicide Certified.
- Safe Passage helped 14. There are several communities reaching out to the Department for Safe Passage.
- The Department has made some excellent arrests of narcotic dealers in February and several citizens have been helping the Department in their neighborhoods.
- Reviewed Traffic Citations and Arrest by Officers comparing February 2021 to February 2020 calls are way down, thefts down 50%.

A new Police Officer will be starting on Monday, March 8, 2021. He was an Officer in Auburn; he will be sworn in on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and then officially sworn in at the March 15, 2021 City Council.

## REVIEW FY 2021/2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Fire Chief Adermann presented everyone with a copy of his budget. Attached to the budget were pictures of the frame under the fire truck which has holes rusted into frame rails and rusting supports. The Taylorville Fire Protection District owns the vehicle and leases it to the City, but the City is responsible for maintenance. They have been aware of the problem for some time. Jonathon Wamsley has been monitoring the damage, and he does not believe it will last another five years. The Committee asked if it is safe to drive; Chief Adermann advised it is. There is a class action lawsuit for trucks that were manufactured from 1996-2004 with faulty steel. He advised they are replacing the rails but still have to pay for labor.

Chief Adermann stated the Taylorville Fire Protection District does not have the funds it previously had due to the number of properties the City has annexed and they would probably be able to help with Air packs but not a new truck. He will be budgeting \$500,000.00 in the equipment line item for a demo fire truck. Most loans for a fire truck can be spaced out over a ten-year period; they last 20-25 years.

Treasurer Nation advised the City has already budgeted \$750,000.00 for new vehicles for other departments and was not sure of whether the City could do both at this time. Mayor Barry stated to check into the cost as the interest rates are so low.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY 2021/2022 ESDA and FY 2021/2022 Fire Department Budget to the Finance Committee with discussed amendments. Motion carried 4-0.

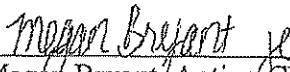
## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls-177
- Had 424 man hours of training
- Marshall Call is currently in the 7-week Academy at IFSI
- Firefighter Holmes is back on shift
- Ted Chapman is retiring as a volunteer, as of February 22, 2021 with 21 years of service
- Volunteer Jennifer Howard resigned; her replacement is Caitlyn Klein
- The new hire list is established with 14 candidates.

Fire Chief Adermann thanked Street Superintendent Mann and the Street Department for keeping the ramps cleaned on the exit and entrance to the Firehouse and plowing the way for them to a call during the snow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

  
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Megan Bryant, Acting Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee