

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause
Alderwoman Janet Stack
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Jeff Berkbigler, City Attorney
Rick Welle, Fire Chief
James Whiteford, Deputy Fire Chief
Mike Fillback, Police Deputy Chief
Walter Williams, Economic/Community Development Director
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 4:31 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderwoman Janet Stack and Alderman Chris Farrar.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, January 02, 2020. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Action Items:

- *An Ordinance Amending Article VII, Sections 74-221, 74-222 and 74-223, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Possession of Cannabis and Cannabis Paraphernalia)*
The Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) is requesting to amend this ordinance to be more in line with Illinois statutes. Contraband cannabis is still illegal and only legal cannabis purchased from a licensed dispensary is legal in Illinois. Legal cannabis must be in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant, tamper-evident cannabis container when in a vehicle or in public and you must be the age of twenty-one (21) or older to possess legal cannabis products. It is illegal to consume any cannabis products in public including in a vehicle.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar for the approval of an Ordinance Amending Article VII, Sections 74-221, 74-222 and 74-223, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Possession of Cannabis and Cannabis Paraphernalia). Motion carried. Move forward to Council pending Administrative & Community Services Committee approval.

- *An Ordinance Amending Article VI, Division 2, Sections 74-170 and 74-171, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Possession of Tobacco Products and Accessories)*
EPD is requesting to amend this ordinance to include vaping products/devices. The use or possession of vaping products by minors is prohibited in public places. A minor is any person who is above the age of eleven (11) years, but is not yet twenty-one (21) years of age. This ordinance will also make it illegal to sell vaping products to anyone under the age of twenty-one (21).

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar for the approval of an Ordinance Amending Article VI, Division 2, Sections 74-170 and 74-171, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Possession of Tobacco Products and Accessories). Motion carried. Move forward to Council pending Administrative & Community Services Committee approval.

Informational Item:

- *Update on lateral hire interviews*
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met last night to interview three (3) police lateral hire candidates. A conditional offer has been made to the top candidate to replace Officer Bearden who resigned back in July 2019.

Fire Department:

Informational Items:

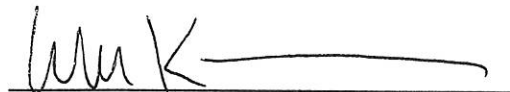
- *Update on Unit 1343 Ambulance*
The Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) should receive the repaired ambulance by the end of February 2020. There will be a supplemental claim file to repair the axle by a third party vendor. The ambulance needs a couple of new wheels, tires, new differential and new axle at a cost of approximately \$9,300.00. Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) is expecting this supplemental claim.
- *Update on Hiring List*
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and EFD are waiting on preference points to be awarded. The candidates have until the end of January 2020 to apply for their preference points. Given the scores and the preference points that have already come in, it is clear that the top candidate will be a paramedic. EFD is expecting a resignation from one of their current employees.
- *Update on Unit 1310 - New Rescue Pumper*
There are issues with the axle in the new rescue pumper Unit 1310. There are two (2) parts in the brake system that are not meeting up the way they are supposed to. The axle manufacturer, Meritor, is bringing in their 'Stroke and Slack Adjustment Expert' from out of state to figure out the brake problem on this new vehicle.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Governor Edwards Conference Room.

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department