

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

Members Present: Alderwoman Janet Stack  
Alderman Chris Farrar  
Alderwoman Jennifer Warren

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief  
Mike Fillback, Director of Police Department  
Kevin Head, City Administrator  
Jeanne Wojcieszak, Director of Finance  
Anna Roseman, Fire Department  
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer

Constituents: Clemmescia Jackson, Jo Gibson  
Myles Marfell, Logan Kitchen

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Janet Stack at 5:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, with a quorum present: Alderwoman Janet Stack, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderwoman Jennifer Warren.

**Public Comment:** None

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

## **Police Department:**

### Informational Item(s):

- *New Officer, Christopher Noga – Started January 10, 2022*  
Officer Noga is doing well and the Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) is waiting on the status of his Philadelphia training to see if it will transfer.
- *MLK Celebration – Attended MLK Celebration at Mt. Joy Church on January 17, 2022*  
Mayor Risavy and Police Chief Fillback attended the MLK celebration at Mt. Joy Church. It was well organized and well attended.
- *Main Street Community Center – Department employees made a monetary donation to the center recently*  
The EPD personnel made a monetary donation. They select a different charity every three to four months for donation.
- *Body Camera Demos*  
Body camera are required by January 1, 2025. EPD will budget for them in the fiscal year 2023/2024. They are looking at body cameras and accessories demos. The IT Department and EPD are having conversations with vendors to figure out what will be needed.

**Fire Department:**

Informational Item(s):

- *Fire Department's Annual Report*  
Fire Chief Whiteford gave statistics for 2021 training, number of calls for fire and ambulance, cost of property damage, and mutual aid. There was a 12% increase of calls from the previous year.

Action Item(s):

- *Approval of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 240 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Emergency Medical Transportation Fees)*  
A cost study was completed to provide an average cost per ambulance call which is \$1,240.00. The proposed fees are based on the average cost-per-run for residents and non-residents. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year a new fee will be created using an annual multiplier. This is accomplished by multiplying the current ambulance prices by the Ambulance Inflation Factor determined by Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderwoman Warren for an approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 240 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Emergency Medical Transportation Fees). Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

- *Approval of A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Rosenbauer 100' King Cobra Smart Aerial in an Amount Not To Exceed \$1,340,586.00*  
Rosenbauer has an aerial truck that entered production before the recent price increases and will meet the needs of the Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD). The city is anticipating issuing bonds for the new East Fire Station and the Rosenbauer 100' King Cobra Smart Aerial truck in July 2022 and the balance for the aerial truck of \$1,340,586.00 is due by October 1, 2022.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar for an approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Rosenbauer 100' King Cobra Smart Aerial in an amount not to exceed \$1,340,586.00. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

Informational Item(s):

- *12/10/2021 Amazon Tornado Event*  
Chief Whiteford highlighted the events of the F3 tornado that hit Amazon warehouse on December 10, 2021. Six people died and 1 was injured. The EFD received mutual aid from local departments, St. Louis departments and technical rescue teams.
- *12/30/2021 EXO Lounge Fire*  
On December 30, 2021 the EXO Lounge caught fire. EFD received mutual aid from various local agencies.
- *Firefighter Testing, Hiring and New Hire, Michael Thoe – Started January 10, 2022*  
Michael Thoe was hired on January 10, 2022 from the Holiday Shore Fire Protection District. He will be attending the Fire Academy in March and then paramedic school. The firefighter hiring list is expiring and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are in the process of updating it. Interviews are being conducted this month.

**Old Business:**

Discussion Item(s):

- *Ferrellgas tanks at 210 1st Avenue*  
The policy of the Office of the Fire Safety Marshal (OSFM) conducts an inspection at the initial install of the tanks, after that there are no ongoing inspections from the state.


**New Business:**

Discussion Item(s):

- *Requirements for Landlords*  
A constituent requested that there should be a list of ordinances requirements for landlords. It was suggested to put a list on the City's website.
- *County Board Meeting – Mask Mandate*  
A constituent stated that (s)he does not attend the County Board meetings because they do not wear masks and wanted to know if the City has an ordinance to enforce this. The City of Edwardsville complies with the Illinois Governor mandates.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

  
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Janet Stack, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department

Approved Signature: /s/ Janet Stack, by staff liaison

Approved Date: 3/8/2022