

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2019**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause  
Alderman SJ Morrison

Members Excused: Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Rick Welle, Fire Chief  
Jay Keeven, Director of Police  
Eric Williams, Director of Public Services  
James Whiteford, Deputy Fire Chief  
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 5:04 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, and Alderman SJ Morrison. The Chair excused Alderman Chris Farrar.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Alderman Morrison, second by Alderman Krause to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Monday, January 07, 2019. Motion carried.

**Police Department:**

Informational Items:

- **Digiticket Printers and Tablets for Community Service Officers**  
The Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) had budgeted for this year to purchase three (3) tablets and small printers for the Community Service Officers (CSOs). EPD are writing the City's ordinance violations, traffic warnings and traffic citations in a digital format. They are no longer using pen and paper tickets. The three (3) printers have been purchased and are working fantastic. EPD and Director of I.T. Devin Gray are currently testing a Microsoft Surface Pro Tablet to make sure it will work correctly before purchasing the other two (2) tablets. This is a more efficient way of writing tickets. EPD will be about \$800.00 under budget.

**Fire Department:**

Action Item:

- **Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 46 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Fire Department) - establishing fire safety guidelines for food trucks operating in the City of Edwardsville.**  
The City's staff had a meeting last Friday going over the overall ordinances that will have to be included with the regulation of food trucks because they have been approved by Madison County to move forward. The City Attorney felt it would be most appropriate to take the fire protection aspect and put it in the fire protection code. The first half of this ordinance pertains to all food trucks and the second half pertains to food trucks that are doing cooking as well. Some food trucks just deliver pre-packaged food and others are cooking on site. Obviously, if they are doing cooking on site the Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) has more concerns in terms of fire protection. This ordinance will allow EFD to do announced or unannounced fire inspections on food trucks.

Alderman Morrison motioned to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 46 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Fire Department) - establishing fire safety guidelines for food trucks operating in the City of Edwardsville. Second by Alderman Krause. All were in favor to move forward to Council pending the approval from Administrative & Community Services Committee. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

- 332 Broadview Drive fire update on 01/18/2019  
There was a fire on January 18, 2019 at 332 Broadview Drive with significant loss of the residential structure. EFD has deemed this as an arson fire intentionally set. There is a person of interest but not in custody at this time. This residence is just outside the Edwardsville city limits so it is a county venue. EFD is working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There is a certified arson investigator on the Department with police powers to be able to follow through with interrogations and arrest if necessary. Chief Welle also stated that the EPD has been helpful as well with the questioning.
- Extractor/dryer proposal out for bid  
EFD received the go ahead to purchase a turnout gear extractor (a commercial washer machine) and a cabinet dryer. The federal share of the grant is up to \$15,000.00, which is a ninety percent cost share. The proposal is currently out for sealed bids. Those bids will be opened up and qualifications verified on Friday, February 22, 2019. EFD will bring it back to the Public Safety Committee on Monday, February 25, 2019 for approval of the bid award.
- Heat shelters  
There have been questions about heating and cooling shelters. When it gets cold enough the Emergency Management Coordinator Chief Welle makes phone calls to see if the two (2) YMCAs and the Main Street Community Center will be okay for people to come and use the facility for shelters. The YMCAs and the Main Street Community Center will open up their businesses during regular business hour to allow people to get warm. If there is a request for staying overnight it is handled on a case by case basis. If there is a big enough need for staying overnight there are other options but additional steps are needed to make that happen. Security and staff are needed and a facility appropriate for the number of people anticipated.

**Old Business:** None

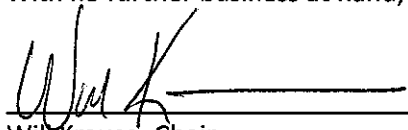
**New Business:**

Informational Items:

- Discussion of Myrtle Street congestion  
Alderman Chris Farrar requested that a discussion of Myrtle Street congestion be put on the agenda but unfortunately he was unable to attend this meeting. He did previously talk briefly to Director of Public Works Eric Williams about this issue. Currently on Myrtle Street between St. Louis Street and Randle Street there is no parking on the west side. Alderman Farrar received some concerns about vehicles getting through.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

  
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Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department