Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019

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

Other Present: Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Rick Welle, Fire Chief
James Whiteford, Deputy Fire Chief
Jeff Berkbighler, City Attorney
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Jill Griffin, Public
Joan Griffin, Public

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderman Janet Stack.

Public Comment:
- Edwardsville residents, Jill Griffin and Joan Griffin are concerned about the upcoming development on Leverette Lane in the multi-family zoning which they believe would potentially create traffic/parking issues. On Leverette Lane there are currently four (4) apartment buildings. It is a very narrow street with parking on both sides and emergency vehicles cannot access this road when there is parking on both sides. To allow no parking on either side would solve the issue for emergency vehicles but it would also displace all the vehicles that are already parking on Leverette Lane. There is no solution at this time. The committee members will consider solutions and will look into this issue.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Alderman Stack, second by Alderman Krause to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department:
Action Items:
- Approval of an agreement with GovDirect to purchase seven (7) in-car video camera systems for the cost of $38,526.18.
  Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) has been awarded a $42,000.00 grant by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This grant is a “no-match grant” and will be reimbursed after the purchase of the cameras. EPD will need to pay for the installation of the cameras which was included in the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. Three (3) bids were obtained and GovDirect was the lowest bid at $38,526.18. The older cameras will be auctioned off or used as replacement systems should the need arise.

  Alderman Stack moved to approve the purchase of in-car cameras with an awarded grant up to $42,000.00. Second by Alderman Farrar. All were in favor to move forward to Council pending Finance Committee approval. Motion carried.

Fire Department:
Informational Items:
- Active Shooter and Mass Causality Drill in Collinsville, IL update
Deputy Fire Chief James Whiteford stated that unfortunately across the United States there are people who are trying to harm other people in mass events. These events are outside of the way Fire and Police had previously done business and how they were trained. Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) attended Active Shooter and Mass Causality Drills in Collinsville, IL on two separate days with two (2) different scenarios. Collinsville asked EFD to provide one (1) ambulance and two (2) paramedics to assist in these drills. Chief Wele, Deputy Chief Whiteford and Captain Robert Morgan were asked to be evaluators and provide feedback. Several agencies participated in these drills.

- MABAS Flood Response Ambulance Deployment update
  EFD subscribes to MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) which is a state Fire/EMS mutual aid organization. The last Friday in May, the State of Illinois contacted MABAS for them to provide some services to help with the flood mitigation. One (1) of the requests was for an ALS ambulance to stand by for twelve (12) hours each day for a seven (7) day deployment. EFD belongs to the MABAS 35 Division. Through MABAS 35, Deputy Chief Whiteford was able to coordinate this request with five (5) area departments. Edwardsville deployed on Wednesday and again on Friday. This should be reimbursable but may be a while before that happens.

New Business:

Informational Items:

- Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article VII (Tobacco Products), Chapter 74, Division 2 (Possession of Tobacco Products and Accessories) and Chapter 78 (Parks and Recreation Department) of the Codified Ordinances of Edwardsville, Illinois.
  The State of Illinois recently raised the age from 18 to 21 for the purchase of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes and alternative nicotine products and becomes effective July 1, 2019. The changes in this ordinance will be consistent with the new state statute and allow EPD to issue ordinance violations. The state did not address possession of these products and left it up to the communities. City Attorney Jeff Berkgigler included possession so an underaged individual cannot purchase or possess these tobacco products. He also made an amendment that will prohibit the use of these products at City parks because of the underage patrons at the parks. No action was needed by the Public Safety Committee. This amendment will go before Administrative & Community Services Committee (ACS Committee) for approval then to Council.

Old Business:

- On Hold - No parking request on Second Avenue next to the Smoothie King and BJ’s Printables. Alderman Stack suggested to remove this from the agenda and bring it back if it becomes an issue again.
- On Hold - No parking request on the south side on H Street Alderman Farrar contacted Eden Church and they have no problem with this request. Continue to hold this issue until Alderman Farrar can contact the residents.
- On Hold - Fountain Avenue at West Union Street
  The complaint wasn’t just Fountain Avenue blind spot but also Kingshighway Street. No accidents have been reported. Alderman Farrar will talk with Public Works to see if they have any suggestions. This item will be removed from the agenda for now.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand, Alderman Stack moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Second by Alderman Farrar. Motion carried

Will Krause, Chair

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