

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021

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

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief
Mike Fillback, Director of Police
Kevin Head, City Administrator
Jeanne Wojcieszak, Director of Finance
Nate Tingley, Director of Parks
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Chad Lankford, Fire Department
Rodney Hall, Fire Department
Julie Laako-Swanson, The Intelligencer

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Janet Stack at 5:30 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 Alderwoman Warren to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Tuesday, June 08, 2021. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

Police Department:

Informational Item(s):

- *Update on New Hires for Police Officer and Community Service Officer*
Recently Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) hired a new police officer, Justin Benton. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has made conditional offers to two (2) police officer candidates. There is a possibility of three (3) new hires to attend the Police Academy in August. Community Service Officer (CSO) Joyce Schwartz recently retired. A conditional offer has been made to fill that CSO position.
- *Overview of potential challenges facing the PD and law enforcement*
The new Director of Police, Mike Fillback, communicated the EPD philosophy will not change; the department will continue to address the quality of life and issues and serve and work with the community while expanding their already effective training program.

Fire Department:

Informational Item(s):

- *Trench Rescue Operations Training*
The Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) facilitated a Trench Rescue Operations training. EFD instructors were used to conduct this training, which helped with limiting overtime costs for the class.
- *Lucas CPR Device Demonstration*
Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Lankford demonstrated how to use the Lucas CPR device and stressed the importance and value of this equipment.

Old Business:

Discussion Item(s):

- *Update on Esic neighborhood speeding issue*
Patrol vehicles and the speed signage are more visible in the Esic neighborhood that has helped with the speeding.

New Business:

Discussion Item(s):

- *Vandalism at the Watershed*
Graffiti and/or damage should be reported to the police department.
- *Noise Ordinances*
At the next Public Safety Committee meeting a constituent may be present to discuss the noise ordinance.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 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 6:05 p.m. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.



Janet Stack, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department

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

Approved Date: _____