

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

Members Present: Alderman SJ Morrison
Alderwoman Andrea Miracle

Member Excused: Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief
Major Mike Lybarger, Police
Eric Williams, Director of Public Works
Cathy Hensley, Communication Coordinator
Anna Roseman, Fire Department

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderman SJ Morrison at 5:30 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue with a quorum present.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Alderman SJ Morrison, second by Alderwoman Miracle to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Police Department:

Action Item(s):

- Motion by Alderman SJ Morrison, second by Alderwoman Miracle for "Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Four (4) 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., and Associated Equipment Not To Exceed \$211,395.73".

Discussion:

- This is an approved budgeted item
- These are gas power vehicles not electric
- Lead time for delivery is six (6) to twelve (12) months

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Department:

Action Item(s):

- Motion by Alderman SJ Morrison, second by Alderwoman Miracle for "Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule for the City Of Edwardsville".

Discussion:

- Current fire inspection fees are well below similar metro east communities
- New fees based on work being done; not on percentage of cost of building
- Current fee assessment places unfair burden on smaller projects

Concerns:

- Update will increase fees

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion by Alderman SJ Morrison, second by Alderwoman Miracle for “Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Traumahawk X-Series Aluminum Type I Custom Ambulance and Associated Equipment in an Amount Not To Exceed \$354,057.00”.

Discussion:

- EFD has a an ambulance scheduled for replacement in Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- Current build time for a new ambulance is in excess of two (2) years
- This is an unbudgeted item; will be budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- Approval to sign contact to order ambulance and lock-in current price
- No payment due until delivery in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Informational Item(s):

- Staffing Update

Discussion:

- Offer for firefighter/paramedic position has been accepted
- EPD will process background check
- Candidate will need to attend Fire Academy and the Paramedic Program

Concerns:

- Candidate pool is shrinking
- The time a candidate is hired until he is trained takes about two (2) years

- Inspections

Discussion:

- Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is inspecting all SIUE buildings
- Off campus student housing/apartment buildings are in the process of being inspected by EFD

Old Business:

New Business:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Morrison, second by Alderwoman Miracle. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Chris Farrar, Chair *SJ Morrison*

Approved Date: 8-8-2023

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department

Approved Signature: /s/ Chris Farrar, by staff liaison