

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2019**

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

Other Present: Rick Welle, Fire Chief  
James Whiteford, Deputy Fire Chief  
Mike Fillback, Deputy Police Chief  
Anna Roseman, Fire Department  
Rodney Hall, Fire Department  
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 5:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderwoman Janet Stack.

**Public Comment: None**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Alderman Farrar, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve the amended minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Monday, July 08, 2019. Motion carried.
- Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, August 15, 2019. Motion carried.

**Police Department:**

Action Item:

- Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 62 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Personnel Allocation for the Police Department)  
School District 7 has expressed interest in having another full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Edwardsville High School South which is currently staffed with the supervisor of the SROs. The school district is considering funding this position. This is not absolute that this is going to happen but amending the ordinance to allow for an additional officer is the first step. Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) currently is staffed at thirty-four (34) police officers, and amending this ordinance will allow for thirty-five (35) police officers. This will accommodate the additional SRO position if the school district moves forward and fully funds this position. The school district decision to fund the SRO position at 100% will possibly happen sometime in October.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 62 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Personnel Allocation for the Police Department). Motion carried.

Informational Item:

- EPD will have a Special Olympics Fundraiser at the Wildey Theatre this Friday and Saturday featuring "GYPSY - Live & Back". They are looking to raise a significant amount of money for Special Olympics.

## **Fire Department:**

### Informational Items:

- Ambulance accident August 17, 2019

An ambulance had a collision at State Route 157 and Harmony Drive just after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019. This was the day of the Rotary Club Criterium Races. Two (2) of the three (3) medics are off of work and one (1) is on light, very restrictive duty. They are recovering but it will take time. Fire Chief Welle stated that he thinks the personnel issues will take four (4) to six (6) weeks to resolve. The ambulance is knocked out of commission. Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) and Human Resources (HR) are in discussions with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) regarding the ambulance. EFD had an initial assessment done but, given the specialty nature of this ambulance, it will likely have to be shipped to Madison, Alabama where it was manufactured.

EFD does have another ambulance that has major mechanical malfunctions and has been out for repairs for about a month now. EFD has two (2) ambulances that they are using on an everyday basis. Glen Carbon Fire Protection District EMS has been able to lend EFD one of their spare ambulances. It is insured and Fire Chief Welle prefers not to use it. It is there just for emergency purposes. Glen Carbon EMS is also helping EFD with overall coverage as well.

- Lieutenant candidate test

EFD did lieutenant testing that is done every three (3) years. Normally not much is said about this but this year EFD used a new vendor after using the same vendor for over a decade. This was done at a little higher cost but the feedback has been positive. EFD is waiting for military credit to be applied if any then the promotional list will be posted per statute. If there is a lieutenant opening, the first person on the list will be promoted to lieutenant.

- New candidate test October 19, 2019

Every two (2) years EFD does testing for potential candidates for hire. The list expires in late December 2019. The new candidate written exam will be October 19, 2019. EFD is directing new candidates to the HR webpage to fill out an application and the required preregistration. The last three (3) test cycles, the first two there were approximately one hundred (100) candidates because they knew EFD was hiring and the last one there were approximately fifty (50). EFD is expecting a good turnout.

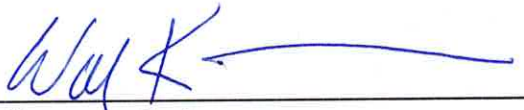
There are four (4) prerequisites: must have a high school diploma or equivalent, be between the ages of 21-35, be able to obtain an Illinois Class B non-CDL driver's license and have the ability to pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). The CPAT is done after the candidate meets the required minimum score on the written exam and passes the interview with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. The CPAT is the standard assessment for measuring an individual's ability to handle the physical demands of being a firefighter. This new candidate testing is only for the Edwardsville Fire Department.

**New Business:**

Fire Chief Welle stated that in the last Finance Committee meeting there was a discussion regarding ambulance billing. It had nothing to do with the services. This was a discussion only but there will probably be some action items. He will keep the committee abreast of what those items will be. Because it is strictly a financial item, it was best to run through the Finance Committee.

**Old Business: None**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



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Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department