

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2019**

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

Other Present: Rick Welle, Fire Chief
Mike Fillback, Deputy Police 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 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderman Chris Farrar and Alderman Janet Stack.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Alderman Farrar, second by Alderman Janet Stack to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Action Item:

- *Approval of a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Ten (10) Motorola APX Model 4000, 800 MHZ Portable Radios in a Total Amount of \$29,193.90.*

A few years ago Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) transitioned over to StarCom. At that time they purchased forty-five (45) used radios from St. Clair County. EPD's intention is to budget over a five (5) year period to restock new radios. This will be the second allotment for new portable radios bringing the total to twenty (20) new fully equipped radios of this model. These radios allow EPD to speak to the surrounding communities.

Motion by Alderman Farrar, second by Alderman Janet Stack to approve Sole Source Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Ten (10) Motorola APX Model 4000, 800 MHZ Portable Radios in a Total Amount of \$29,193.90. Motion carried.

- *Approval to purchase a 2018 Dodge Journey DARE Vehicle for the amount of \$15,362.15 which includes a \$3,000.00 trade-in value for the current 2008 Dodge Caravan DARE Vehicle.*

The current DARE 2008 Dodge Caravan is in need of repair work for the air conditioning and exhaust system estimating slightly over \$2,400.00. This vehicle has constant issues and continues to be a problem. Major Fillback states it doesn't seem practical to keep putting money into it.

The EPD received three (3) bids from Cassens, Jack Schmitt and Federico for used vehicles and trading-in the 2008 Caravan. Cassens was the lowest bid with \$15,362.15 for a 2018 Dodge Journey SXT, which includes a \$3,000.00 trade-in value and a one (1)

year full-warranty unit November 1, 2020. This is not a budgeted item but the DARE account has enough funds to cover the cost of the vehicle.

Motion by Alderman Farrar, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Trade-In of Certain Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Edwardsville. - (Purchase of a 2018 Dodge Journey DARE Vehicle for the amount of \$15,362.15 which includes a \$3,000.00 trade-in value for the current 2008 Dodge Caravan DARE Vehicle). Motion carried. Moved forward to Administrative and Community Services Committee for approval.

Informational Item:

- *Dual Band Radio Purchase*

School District #7 is adding a School Resource Officer (SRO) for their schools. The radios used on patrols allows to the SROs to talk to other communities but the radios don't have an Ultra High Frequency (UHF) so the SRO's can't talk within the school district. This particular radio allows the SROs to carry one (1) radio instead of multiple radios. The school district has agreed to pay for this radio for the additional SRO, as was done previously for the current SROs. EPD will purchase this and submit an invoice to School District #7 for reimbursement.

Fire Department:

Action Item:

- *A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the City of Edwardsville.*

GEMT stands for Ground Emergency Medical Transport, otherwise ambulance service. Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) is the sole emergency ambulance provider for the City of Edwardsville. As such EFD is required by law to provide this service to Medicaid patients. EFD has a specified repayment from Medicaid for the ambulance services, which is well under their billing and certainly does not capture all of the cost that it takes to provide this service. This is specific to Medicaid patients only.

The state recognizes for public agencies that there are a lot more expenses than being recouped. The state modeled some new rules and legislation from eight (8) other states that are able to get more reimbursements from Medicaid for those other costs.

However it requires EFD to verify what those other cost are. Eight (8) percent of EFD's runs this last fiscal year were Medicaid patients. If EFD can show what all these costs are for providing ambulance service, theoretically eight (8) percent of these costs should be reimbursable from Medicaid. These are funds over and above what is already collected. The state is still working on the rules and how this is going to work.

The reason for the intergovernmental agreement is to make all this work, the City needs to return approximately fifty (50) percent of the additional reimbursement obtained from Medicaid back to Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

There is a clause with a thirty (30) day notice the City can pull out of this agreement if they feel it is not working towards their benefit. The only thing required of EFD is a lot more documentation but it is paperwork that they would have to start doing next year anyway.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve a Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the City of Edwardsville. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

- *New candidate testing*

Saturday, October 19, 2019 EFD will be holding a new candidate testing. By statute this needs to be done every two (2) years to create a new list for possible hiring candidates. There are 60 people that have register for this testing. The current list is expiring in late December and the new list should be ready by then.

- *Open House*

EFD Open House was last Saturday. It was very successful and a beautiful day. There were hundreds of citizens came by. There was a lot going on in the City that day.

- *Confined space training*

EFD finished confined space training. EFD can now actually respond as true certified confined space rescuers. They provide confined space protection for VEOLIA Water. This was basically a three (3) year project because of the prerequisite classes. The confined space training was held here in Edwardsville. There are now sixteen (16) in the department that are confined space specialist. The Foreign Fire Tax board paid for a trailer and the equipment that EFD was missing to do a confined space rescue.

- *Update on damaged ambulance*

Today Chief Welle spoke with Excellance, which is the manufacture for the ambulance body. He has also had discussions with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI). Chief Welle sent pictures to Excellance and CCMSI. The ambulance is still at M Street. All the stakeholders in this incident have to have the opportunity to take pictures and look at it first hand before the City can do anything with the ambulance. The time period for this to take place is until the end of October and then the ambulance can be shipped down to Alabama. It looks as if the damage is to the body and minor damage to the chassis. Chief Welle does not have an exact estimate but based on the pictures, Excellance thinks the repairs will be somewhere around \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00. CCMSI should cover the full amount for the repairs and/or other insurance companies depending on the percentage of who is at fault.

New Business:

- *Approval of a regular meeting schedule for the Public Safety Committee*

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) meetings had been held on Mondays preceding the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. More frequently the meetings have been changed to Thursdays. To comply with the Open Meetings Act the PSC needs to schedule a regular reoccurring date and time. Moving forward until the City's next fiscal year, April 30, 2020, Thursday will work at 4:30 P.M. with the exception of October 31st (Halloween) and November 28th (Thanksgiving). These two (2) dates will be rescheduled for 4:30 P.M. Monday, October 28th and Monday, November 25th respectively.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve a new meeting schedule for the Public Safety Committee to be at 4:30 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers every Thursday preceding the first and third Tuesdays of every month with the exception of October 31st and November 28th. These meetings will be held on Monday, October 28th and Monday, November 25th. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department