

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause
Alderwoman Janet Stack

Members Excused: Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Rick Welle, Fire Chief
Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Walter Williams, Economic/Community Development Director
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 4:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause and Alderwoman Janet Stack. Alderman Chris Farrar is excused.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Krause to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, October 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Informational Item:

- *Police Officer Lateral Hire*
Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) had recently exhausted their lateral hire list so the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and EPD posted a police officer position. Officer Jason Bearden accepted a position for the Utah State Police which this job position will backfill. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will interview candidates when the job posting closes on December 2, 2019. The Board will also be making a new lateral hiring list for future hiring. A lateral officer is any officer, in any state that has been with their current agency for a minimum of two (2) years. The last eight (8) lateral hires have been very successful, according to Chief Keeven.

Fire Department:

Informational Items:

- *Madison County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)*
About four (4) months ago Madison County EMA came to the City to request no parking across from the County garage/lot on Randle Street. They approached Chief Welle saying they are still having issues with getting their trailers out. Chief Welle met with City Engineer Ryan Zwijack, who stated that it is already supposed to be no parking. The statute was on the books, it just wasn't marked. Public Works has since marked the area as no parking.

- Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) / Life Safety Code update*

OSFM is in the process of updating the Life Safety Code. This is the statewide minimum code. NFPA 101 is the actual citation. They are currently using the 2000 Edition and there have been several additions since then. They will be updating to the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 Edition), effective on January 1, 2020. It is Chief Welle's understanding is that if a community has adopted a comparable building code, they would not have to follow the Life Safety Code. The OSFM is recognizing the International codes which the City uses. The Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) will see if this provision will still be in the final ruling, but right now they have to look at both codes to determine which one is the more restrictive of the two (2). The EFD is using the 2006 International Code and will be looking into updating to either 2015 or 2018.
- New fire candidate testing*

The EFD has already conducted the written examination for the new fire candidate testing. There were fifty (50) attendees. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will be doing interviews on the 3rd and 4th of December. There may be ten (10) to fifteen (15) candidates being interviewed. This is for the eligibility firefighter hiring list which expires every two (2) years.
- Rescue pumper/engine delivery*

The rescue pumper fire engine should be delivered within a month's time. It should be here right after Thanksgiving. There will still be a few things the dealer will need to do but EFD will put it in service as soon possible.
- Madison County All-Hazard Mitigation committee*

Every five (5) years the Madison County Emergency Management Agency has to do a review of their Madison County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chief Welle is on this committee. They will be looking at hazards specific to Edwardsville but also to the county in general and updating that plan.
- City Emergency Plan update*

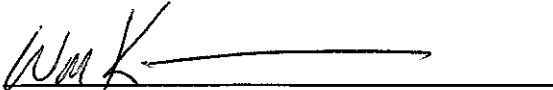
The City of Edwardsville Emergency Plan has been in the works for the last few months. Chief Welle stated there are a few more areas that need work. In the original emergency plan it doesn't mention the City Administrator. Before he starts presenting the emergency plan to the City Council, he wants to review the changes with the City Administrator and the role he would play in the plan. The plan is to do some tabletop exercises of the emergency plan on an annual or bi-annual basis.
- Ambulance 1343*

Unit 1343 ambulance was in an accident on August 17, 2019. There was a waiting period for all stakeholders to have the opportunity to view the damage before it was shipped to Excellence, Inc., in Alabama for repairs. That waiting period had passed. All stakeholders have either waived their rights or are working with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI). There was a general estimate for repairs of \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00 and this is without Excellence seeing the damage first-hand. Chief Welle stated that they are months away from this being resolved.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, November 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department