

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2017

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In Attendance:	Chairman	Alderman Johnnie Anthony	
	Members	Alderman Joe Hazel Alderman Kent Randle Alderman Paul Seibert Alderman Elmore	Alderman Jane Pusa Alderman Phil Silsby Alderman Jim Musgrove
	Staff	Police Chief William Clay Mayor Mark Eckert	Fire Chief Tom Pour City Treasurer Dean Hardt
	Guests	Alderman Raffi Ovian	Michael Hagberg

Alderman Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Emergency Evacuation Plan was not explained. Motion made by Alderman Seibert, second by Alderman Pusa to approve the minutes from December 12, 2016. All present voted Aye, motion carried. Alderman Hazel and City Treasurer Hardt entered at 6:02 p.m.

Public Participation

None.

Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Pour gave an update on the Sportsplex saying they are under contract with BARCOM and they are working to help them become compliant. Also, Lindenwood is now working with Boyer Fire Protection which has an office here in Belleville. They will be working on the dorms while students are still in session instead of just working during breaks to complete the job quicker. Next dorms to be worked on are across from the school and should be completed by the end of the month.

The apartments at 3908 West Main behind Domino's were inspected in early November and found to have some issues that needed repairs. Fire Department went back a few weeks ago and told them if they didn't make the emergency repairs within the week they would shut them down. The emergency repairs were fixed but it is still a work in progress on other issues. House at 316 North Second Street was inspected and found to not have any smoke detectors, so Fire Department installed them. They also went through the house with the Housing Department and made a list of things that needed to be fixed.

Chief Pour next mentioned a History Committee for the Fire Department has recently been formed. They currently have a plaque at Engine House 4 that honors three Belleville firefighters that have died in the line of duty – one in 1901, 1911 and 1926. They formed the committee to find more about the history of the Fire Department. Their goal is to have an annual ceremony in town to find out all the people who were on the Department, information on some of the big fires and all the little details to help bring a clearer picture of the Department.

Next, tornado sirens currently being used are dispatched out of the county jail. They will sound in the entire county regardless if the tornado is in Marissa. Chief Pour is looking at new software so that when the National Weather Service issues a warning, only the sirens in the path will sound. Also, they are currently being tested once a month, and if they have one reported as not working, it might take a while for parts to come in to repair it. They have the capability to program the system now that will do a silent test daily, and if one shows low voltage, then a firefighter can go change the batteries instead of an outside business, thus saving money. Chief Pour also stated they are trying to get the word out for more people to sign up for CODE RED.

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Chief Pour finished by showing two videos on why sprinkler systems are so important regardless if it's a business, dorm or residence. First one was of a Christmas tree on fire in a house with no sprinkler system, and in only a few minutes, temperatures had reached 1284 degrees. Next one showed the Christmas tree on fire with a sprinkler system, and it started spraying water at only 135 degrees.

Chief Pour ended with his 2016 year-end report that had 1,841 total calls for all four engine houses.

Police Department

Chief Clay talked about his 2016 report of calls for service that came into the Dispatch Center which was 51,044 for the year. In addition, 2,004 calls were for the Fire Department and 4,582 were PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) because we are a 9-1-1 center. That is a total of 57,630 calls.

Chief Clay then said the Police Department is now mandated by the State to start administering Narcan. All sworn officers have been through training free of charge courtesy of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. We must now purchase the medication, maintain it, have a policy in place and keep it at a certain temperature. Only a minimal amount will be purchased so it doesn't go bad. There are two paramedic/ambulance services in town that can also administer it. We will work together with them to swap out medication that is nearing its expiration date so as not to dispose of any close to expiring. The Narcan will be administered through the nostrils.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Motion made at 6:55 p.m. by Alderman Silsby, second by Alderman Seibert to adjourn. All members present voted Aye, motion carried.

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