

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016**

Committee Members Present:

Alderman Johnnie Anthony	Alderman Joe Hazel	Alderman Phil Elmore
Alderman Kent Randle	Alderman Phil Silsby	Alderman Jane Pusa
Alderman Paul Seibert	Alderman James Musgrove	

Members Absent: none

Department Head/Staff: Fire Chief Tom Pour
Police Chief Bill Clay
City Treasurer Dean Hardt

Guests: Alderman Raffi Ovian
Michael Hagberg

Call to Order:

Alderman Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Meeting Minute Approval:

Alderman Silsby motioned to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting as presented, motion second by Alderman Randle. All members present voted - AYE. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None.

Staff Report:

Fire Chief Pour gave an overview of the Annual Fire Report for 2015. Chief Pour stated feel free to call him at any time for questions regarding this report. Chief Pour stated the goals from last year, 2015, were all pretty much blown away with the addition of ISO class 2. For 2016, BFD intends to maximize fire prevention in the schools and for the elderly. Also to expand services that BFD can offer by continually training in specialty fields including additional confined space rescue training with the sewer department in 2016. MABAS is paying for this training and making our capabilities much stronger. The city is only paying for food when firefighters go out of town.

Fire Chief Pour stated in reference to the BFD Annual reporting number of calls, the number shown are how many calls take place within the district. In reference to inspections, the numbers of inspections do not include all re-inspections. These numbers do not 100% represent the number of times we are going to these businesses. Chief Pour stated that Station 3 has an enlarging district, runs are increasing and that very few calls are single company calls. For example, 4 trucks move on a structure fire. 2 trucks on car accidents, however annual reporting numbers are recorded as single district. Alderman Anthony stated that the numbers have been pretty consistent over the years.

Alderman Randle questioned if we track calls of how many trucks move on a call. Chief Pour answered Yes, it is tracked within our incident reporting.

Alderman Randle posed the question of has the budget for 2016-17 included Fire Marshalls. Police Chief Clay responded Yes, and that they have put in place ordinances to the City Attorney and the Mayor, and they had no problems with that. He will send out these packets again and you will have an opportunity to review prior to February's meeting. Chief Clay would like to go forward with

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this and feels as though this will work very well. Housing is working separately on this issue due to their expertise. Chief Pour stated he has 2 Battalion Chiefs that are investigators, but will have to go to the union with this. The other way would be to hire a person to do inspections and also be trained to be an investigator. Chief Clay stated we have the ability to do it, however we must get the ordinances in place in order to go forward.

Police Chief Clay planned to announce the discontinuation of the asset forfeiture funds which provides an officer to work with the DEA and on task forces and we receive approximately \$300,000 coming to the city of Belleville, however DEA & DOJ got together and reinstated the program. This money helps pay the officer's salary, buy additional vehicles and cameras, and other things.

Police Chief Clay also stated in regards to 9-1-1 calls, the county runs the program now. We are a PSAP (Public Service Answering Points). We are going to have the most modern dispatch center in the state. Cencom charges \$15 per call to those dispatched. We will now have the availability to possibly make additional revenue.

Alderman Anthony asked how many active officers we have on the street. Chief Clay responded the number we have is 85, with some out on injury, on reserves, in training, and on special assignment. Code enforcement will be marked on cars and BPD is in the process of changing those cars markings to be visible. Additionally, their uniform attire will be changed. When asked, are we looking at additional officers, Chief Clay responded no additional officers, just replacement of an officer that stepped down. Alderman Anthony also questioned, with the addition of the Shrine, do we need to make the 15 corridor a police district, especially with all the new development including the expansion of hotels and restaurants as so we don't see things happen like in Fairview Heights or the Central West End. Chief Clay responded, that strong police presence is needed and believes they will have security cameras of their own.

Alderman Elmore reported that he is on a committee headed by Dr. Jeff Dosier, Superintendent District 201. An assembly with a mock crash scene incident called Broken Hearts, will be held on April 13 and 14 at Belleville West this year, Belleville East next year. Deputy Fire Chief Bud Jacobs will take over for the Fire Department and Police Chief Clay will appoint someone soon. This realistic mock crash scene allows teens to hear in real time what happens at a crash scene with the both police and fire departments, and Ambulance services of both MedStar and Arch. An arrest is made, then an arraignment with Brandon Kelly and then follow with a funeral.

Old Business:

nothing to report

New Business:

Fire Chief Pour reported our 2 new rookies began this week and will count as manpower beginning on January 27 and 28, 2016.

Adjournment:

Alderman Randle motioned to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. second by Alderman Elmore. All members present voted - AYE. Motion carried.