

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

Chairman Johnnie Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:	Johnnie Anthony	Joe Hazel
Kent Randle	Phil Silsby	Jane Pusa
Paul Seibert	James Musgrove	Phil Elmore
Department Head/Staff:	Fire Chief Tom Pour	Police Chief Bill Clay
Dean Hardt		
Guest:	Alderman Raffi Ovian	Alderman Mike Buettner
Alderman Scott Tyler	Michael Hagberg	Diane Rogge

Emergency Evacuation Procedures were not reviewed.

Minutes:

Alderman Pusa motioned to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting with the correction of Paul Elmore corrected to Phil Elmore second by Alderman Musgrove. All members present voted - AYE. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Michael Hagberg questioned if there had been recent drug activity at 319 South 8th Street. Chief Clay was aware of the situation. He also asked if it was true that tow release fees had been reduced to less than \$50.00 per incident. Chief Clay stated that was a rumor.

Diane Rogge asked when the two (2) year limit for bringing housing issue up to date would end, Chief Pour stated summer of 2017. Ms. Rogge then stated that in the Lindenwood University handbook it stated that fire pits were prohibited. Chief Pour explained he can only enforce City Ordinances.

Staff Report:

Police Chief Clay briefed the committee on a crime committed in the Parkridge Condominium Complex. He stated they were very close to having all suspects in custody.

Fire Chief Pour updated the Sportsplex issue. The t-shirt business and the two (2) buildings downstairs have moved out. There is new lighting and exits. The alarm system is non-compliant. Alderman Elmore questioned the placement of the stairs. Chief Pour stated a second staircase had been installed, it is better but not ideal.

Lindenwood: An annual Safety class will be held for the Resident Assistants. There will be an updated checklist given to each RA. Chief Pour stated there needs to be an overall safety approach to Lindenwood housing – Alderman Buettner interjected that the students don't follow the rules nor listen to the Police or Firefighters until a ticket is issued. Alderman Elmore asked if the Fire Department can write tickets, Chief Pour explained that writing tickets is a Police matter. Alderman Hazel firmly stated his opposition to pulling Police and Firefighters off the street to handle petty items like those being addressed.

Dispatch: Chief Pour reviewed the consolidation of dispatch with other agencies. Chief Pour stated an internal study was conducted on the logistics and it is feasible. Chief Pour seeks committee approval to taking on the dispatching for Signal Hill Fire Department – Alderman Pusa motioned to approve second by Alderman Randle. All members present voted – AYE. Motion passed.

Permits: Chief Pour brief the committee on the need for Fire Safety Construction Permits. Alderman Randle motioned to approve the request and submit to Finance second by Alderman Seibert. All members present voted – AYE. Motion passed.

Technical Rescue Update: Tabled to next meeting due to lack of time.

Asst. Chief's Test: The list expires in January but no one is willing to take the test due to the pay scale. Battalion Chiefs and Captains will make more with overtime than any of the Chief positions. Chief Pour would like a three (3) year revamping of salaries for the Chiefs. He proposes \$1.75 an hour to the Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief or \$1.50 per hour and restore Clothing Allowance, Education Pay, etc. Item was tabled to next meeting due to lack of time.

Adjournment:

Alderman Randle motioned to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. second by Alderman Musgrove. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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