

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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
James Musgrove	Phil Elmore	
Department Head/Staff:	Fire Chief Tom Pour	Mayor Mark W. Eckert
Guest:	Alderman Raffi Ovian	Michael Hagberg
Excused:	Paul Seibert	

Emergency Evacuation Procedures were not reviewed.

Minutes:

Alderman Hazel motioned to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2016 second by Alderman Musgrove. All members present voted - AYE. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mayor Mark W. Eckert thanked Fire Chief Tom Pour for all of his hard work with the impressive 9/11 program. He stated it was a great tribute to those who perished.

Staff Report:

Fire Chief Pour:

Sportsplex: A compliance agreement was signed for the alarm system. Currently a plan is being designed. A new restaurant has moved into the building, Chief Pour explained that there is a fire wall and separate egress and it is a separate occupancy.

7009 West Main Street: Should be vacant. He is unaware of any construction permits for repairs. No new occupancy permits will be issued until full repairs are made. Signage is up and housing has stickered property as well.

8512 West Main Street: Plans have been submitted for the alarm system.

104 North High Street: Working with owner. No occupancy permits will be issued.

Lindenwood: Sassy Lane sprinklers are in. All other units should have sprinkler systems installed by next summer, well ahead of the deadline.

Boarding Houses: Working with owners, and will be brought up to the same standards as college housing. Currently, any property with twelve (12) or more units are required to have an alarm system.

Present Fire Apparatus: A Power Point presentation was given on the current apparatus being used. Chief Pour explained that between a three (3) and four (4) year replacement schedule is necessary.

He reviewed all the apparatus, explaining the purpose of each, and which engine house they were stationed. Mayor Eckert asked if the Foreign Fire Fund would consider helping with the purchase of a new truck. Chief Pour stated they were still making payments on the last truck purchase. Chief Pour estimated a new one-thousand-gallon pumper will be in the \$450,000.00 range. Mayor Eckert expressed his approval of Chief Pour preparing the spec sheet and going out for bids. Alderman Randle questioned the revenue source and mentioned that Swansea was currently in litigation regarding the use of TIF money to purchase vehicles. Mayor Eckert explained that the TIF's in Belleville may be set up differently than those in Swansea. Alderman Randle inquired if the current aerial units in the fleet would accommodate any new hotels that may come to Belleville. Chief Pour stated the new construction would be sprinkled, and if there was a need, several surrounding agencies have a one-hundred (100) foot platform unit that would be called upon under the mutual aid agreement. Alderman Randle motioned to have Chief Pour prepare a spec and go out for bids for a new one-thousand (1,000) gallon pumper, purchase of said equipment would be included in the 2017/2018 Fiscal Budget second by Alderman Silsby. Vote by Roll Call: Hazel, Randle, Silsby, Elmore, Pusa, Anthony, Musgrove – AYE. Motion Passed. Alderman Seibert was absent.

Old Business:

Currently there are six (6) firefighters at Structural Collapse training. Now that the 9/11 artifact is properly displayed, the Tech Rescue Unit, currently housed in Sauget will be able to be housed at Engine House Number four (4). During request for mutual aid, Belleville would respond.

Adjournment:

Alderman Elmore motioned to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. second by Alderman Randle. All members present voted - Aye. Motion passed.