

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 9, 2023
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL
MEETING TIME – 6:00 P.M.

Committee Chair Alderperson Johnnie Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:	Johnnie Anthony	Bryan Whitaker	Scott Ferguson
Shelley Schaefer	Dennis Weygandt	Carmen Duco	Kara Osthoff
Mary Stiehl			

Department Head/Staff:	Treasurer Sarah Biermann	Police Chief Matt Eiskant
Fire Chief Lloyd Stinson	Interim Dep. Chief Jason Rumpf	

Guest Aldermen:	Lillian Schneider	Kent Randle
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Guest:	Michael Hagberg
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Minutes:

Alderperson Whitaker motioned to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting as presented, second by Alderperson Weygandt. All members present voted – Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

None

Staff Report:

Police Department:

Police Chief Eiskant:

1) Chief Eiskant explained the new Omnigo RMS contract and the expected savings with the new five-year contract, total savings approximately \$110,000 over the five-year period.

Alderperson Schaefer made a motion second by Alderperson Stiehl to approve the contact to not exceed \$857,677.78 for the five-year period.

Members voting aye on roll call: Anthony, Whitaker, Stiehl, Duco, Weygandt, Ferguson, Osthoff, Schaefer.

Motion carries.

2) Chief Eiskant reported that two Police Officers resigned to take other positions and there is an anticipated retirement of three more Police Officers within the next few months. The current list has been exhausted and they are working on a new list. There are two Officers currently in the Academy, three possible laterals hires are also being looked at. By the time of the next Academy there should be four to five Officers enrolled.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Stinson:

1) Chief Stinson reviewed the monthly activity report for the Fire Department showing a sharp increase in calls due to the storm activity last month. Chief Stinson also announced that Deputy Chief Lance Phelps' last day on payroll was May 5, 2023 and Asst. Chief Rick Wangelin will be retiring on May 31, 2023 as well. While reviewing the fleet, Chief Stinson explained some of the significant issues they are having with Ladder 29 and Ladder 49. Ladder 29 is having trouble with the hydraulic lines for the ladder and on 49 the ladder is out of service, but the truck is still being used as a tanker. Ladder 99 is currently at Banner for refurbishment. Truck 31 is having the mobile radio installed but is experiencing issues with steering and the windshield has been broken. Guest Alderperson Randle asked if there was State or Federal regulation on the rotation of a fleet. Chief Stinson believes there are guidelines provided by NFPA. Alderperson Randle asked if Chief Stinson was working with the Finance Department on purchasing a new truck. Chief Stinson stated they are trying to come up with a four-year rotation plan. Alderperson Weygandt asked if there was a logbook for maintenance on the trucks. Chief Stinson explained there is a file folder for each truck that contains the service records.

2) CodeRed: Alderperson Whitaker and Alderperson Schneider have been working together on trying to make more people aware of the CodeRed system and get them signed up. Several people stated that the CodeRed did not notify them during the last storm, Alderperson Whitaker stated that only those within the box of the severe weather will be notified. Ward 1 did receive the warning. Discussion.

3 & 4) Lift Assists: Chief Stinson explained that the ambulance services have what is known as pre-scheduled lift assists for people to get to their physicians or to the hospital, or from a nursing facility to the hospital and back. After a brief discussion Alderperson Randle asked for a motion to be placed on the next agenda to stop helping with these pre-scheduled lift assists. Chief Stinson continued by saying that he would like to see a way to bill the ambulance company for the rest of the lift assists and he has discussed this with the Firefighters. The Firefighters want any funds collected from lift assist to go toward their pensions. Alderperson Whitaker agreed that looking into charging for the pre-scheduled and non-emergency calls was the right thing to do but would like to see the funds divided between equipment and liability insurance. Alderperson Schaefer wants the issue to be given to City Attorney Hoerner and the Ordinance and Legal Committee for further review, Chairman Anthony agreed.

5) Fire Prevention Plans: Chief Stinson informed the committee that the backlog of plan reviews are almost caught up. He also found that by sending them to the third-party provider for review that 80% of the plan reviews were cheaper than anticipated. The Fire Department collects the fee from the business owner then pays the third-party provider to review.

On a side note, Chief Stinson stated that tomorrow, May 10, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois there will be a ceremony honoring the Fallen Firefighters. After that ceremony, there will be awards given for duty above and beyond. Two of Belleville's Firefighter's will receive awards at the ceremony.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Aldersperson Schaefer made a motion second by Aldersperson Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

All members present voted - Aye. Motion passed.

Aldersperson Johnnie Anthony, Chairman

Minutes by: Niccy Cook, Asst. City Clerk