

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2020**

Members Present: Alderman Will Krause  
Alderdwoman Janet Stack  
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: Kevin Head, City Administrator  
Jeff Berkbigler, City Attorney  
Rick Welle, Fire Chief  
James Whiteford, Deputy Fire Chief  
Mike Fillback, Police Deputy Chief  
Walter Williams, Economic/Community Development Director  
Jeanne Wojcieszak, City Clerk/Collector  
Eric Williams, Director of Public Works  
Devin Gray, Director of I.T.  
Jack Burns, Alderman Ward 2  
Craig Louer, Alderman Ward 6  
Anna Roseman, Fire Department  
Charles Bolinger, Intelligencer  
Chris Rhodes, Riverbender.com

Fire Department Present:

FF Capt. Mark Mayfield	FF Lt. Rodney Hall	FF Lt. Jeremy Paschall
FF Cory Heuchert	FF Brett Milton	FF Joey Cruz
FF Jake Sweetman	FF Cole Schrage	FF Tanner Sweetman

Public Present:

Jim Anderson	David Bradford	Tiffany Paschall
Michael Meehan	Nancy Hessel	Jeff Hessel

The regular meeting of the Edwardsville Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 3:32 p.m. in the Wildey Theatre with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderdwoman Janet Stack and Alderman Chris Farrar.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Alderdwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, December 12, 2019. Motion carried.

**Police Department:**

Informational Item:

- *Lateral Hires*  
Approximately four or five individuals will be interviewed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners later this month to establish the Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) lateral hiring list.

**Fire Department:**

Action Item:

- *Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Single Source Purchase of Stryker Power Pro Lift Stretcher for the cost of \$19,115.09*

This purchase of a Stryker Power Pro Lift Stretcher (bariatric stretcher) will replace the stretcher that was damaged in the vehicle accident on August 17, 2019 involving an Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) ambulance. Cannon Cochran Management Service, Inc. (CCMSI) insurance will cover the cost of \$19,115.09 and the \$500.00 deductible will be applied to the ambulance repairs since this is all on the same insurance claim.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar for the approval of a Resolution Authorizing Single Source Purchase of Stryker Power Pro Lift Stretcher for the cost of \$19,115.09. Motion carried. Move forward to Council pending Finance Committee approval.

Informational Item:

- *Unit 1343 Ambulance estimate repair cost of \$50,353.87*

Unit 1343 ambulance was damaged in the same accident mentioned in the above action item. EFD received an estimate for repairs from Excellence, Inc. that manufactures the box that goes on the back of the chassis at the cost of \$50,353.87. This is an estimate because Excellence will not work on the chassis. The chassis work will be done by the Chevy dealer but Excellence doesn't think the repairs to the chassis will be a major expense. Repairs will be covered by CCMSI minus the \$500.00 deductible.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Action Items:

- *Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Closure and Sale of City's Montclair Fire Station with Proceeds Allocated for Public Safety Property Acquisition*

There are two (2) parts to the recommendations from the Pension Task Force. First part is the closure and sale of the Montclair Fire Station (Station 2) to address the need of developing a new fire station at the eastern edge of the community and part two is the funding of police and fire pension. This resolution pertains to the closure and sale of Station 2. After hearing all the arguments for the closure of Station 2 and hearing from their constituents, the Public Safety Committee members agree that Station 2 should remain open until a new station is built. They also stated they will not support investing money in Station 2 for moderate-to-major repairs.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Closure and Sale of City's Montclair Fire Station with Proceeds Allocated for Public Safety Property Acquisition. Motion failed. Moved forward to Council pending Administrative & Community Services (ACS) Committee recommendation.

- *Approval of an Ordinance Directing the Sale of Real Estate Containing the Montclair Fire Station Located at 340 Montclair Avenue in the City of Edwardsville, Illinois*

This ordinance is the second step to the resolution stated above. This ordinance authorizes the sale of the Station 2 and to seek sealed bids.

Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar to approve an Ordinance Directing the Sale of Real Estate Containing the Montclair Fire Station Located at 340 Montclair Avenue in the City of Edwardsville, Illinois. Motion failed. Moved forward to Council pending ACS Committee recommendation.

Discussion Item:

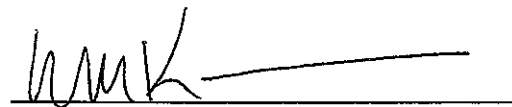
- *Police Hire Back Rates; Fire Ambulance Standby Rates*

It was requested that this item be tabled until next the committee meeting. More information was received that needs to be considered. What is being proposed is the evaluation of current cost of fees that are charged for hire back and services from the EPD and ambulance stand-by services from the EFD. These services are provided to residences, organizations and businesses in the community. The City is evaluating these current fees to ensure they are covering the true cost of these services.

Local 1700 thanked the Public Safety Committee and the Pension Task Force for listening to input and making an informed decision. They also appreciate the City's efforts to correct the funding issues with the fire and police pension fund.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Governor Edwards Conference Room.

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 3.49 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Krause', is written over a horizontal line.

Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department