

Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

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

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief
Jay Keeven, Director of Police
Kevin Head, City Administrator
Eric Williams, Director of Public Works
Ryan Zwijack, City Engineer
Jeanne Wojcieszak, Director of Finance
Walter Williams, Economic / Community Development Director
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
John Cunningham, ECTV Deputy Director
Larry Miller, ZOOM Guest

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Krause at 4:00 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, with a quorum present: Chairman Will Krause, Alderwoman Janet Stack and Alderman Chris Farrar. The meeting was held in person and via ZOOM.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Alderman Krause, second by Alderwoman Stack to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Thursday, January 28, 2021. Motion carried with Krause, Stack and Farrar voting aye.

Police Department:

Informational Item:

- *HB 3653 Update*
Criminal Justice Reform Bill (HB 3653) has some problematic language within the bill that is being addressed. Once Governor Pritzker signs the bill into law, hopefully some trailer bills can clean up the language.
 1. Use of Force - an officer is not allowed to use force to make an arrest if he/she reasonably believes the person can be apprehended at a later date.
 2. Bail Bond - HB3653 is indicating that you can no longer require a cash bail for Class B or C misdemeanors, in particular.
 3. Body Cameras – Most police departments want body cameras but it is the expense of the redaction software and the labor intensive redaction that needs to take place.
 4. Telephone Requirements – HB 3653 states a person is allowed three (3) phone calls within three (3) hours of being taken into custody.

Fire Department:

Discussion Item:

- *Ambulance Repair verses Remount*

The Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) has a 2003 ambulance that is scheduled to be replaced in the fiscal year 2021/2022. Unfortunately there are issues with the 2012 International model ambulance that is not scheduled to be replaced until fiscal year 2026/2027. This ambulance has been an on-going issue for the EFD since receiving it. EFD has put a significant amount of money for repairs recently. Shortly after these repairs, it started having engine problems and was told that the engine is basically shot. The options are to replace the engine, at an estimated cost of \$36,000.00, which is likely to have the same known problems, or remount the ambulance box, at an estimated cost of \$186,000.00. There is a significant difference in cost based on verbal estimates.

When replacing the engine, it can only be replaced with the same type/model engine as it has now. The way this vehicle is manufactured, the engine, transmission and chassis work together as a unit and are not interchangeable with other engines.

When remounting the ambulance box, they would go through the box top to bottom, clean up/repair/replace anything that is showing wear and tear and put it on a newer chassis. It would basically be a brand new ambulance when returned to EFD.

- *COVID-19 Vaccinations*

A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guideline came out today stating that if a person has received the COVID-19 vaccination, they do not need to quarantine if they have an exposure.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion Item:

- *Post Office Handicap Parking Spaces*

The Edwardsville Post Office has a new Postmaster. A complaint came from a constituent regarding the Postmaster taking the closest handicap space to the door and renaming it as his personal parking space. The constituent reached out to the Postmaster, Alderman Krause and Illinois Senator Duckworth's office. Materials were hand delivered to the Postmaster indicating the rules and regulations regarding handicap parking.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in person and via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. Motion carried with Krause, Stack and Farrar voting aye.

Will Krause, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department

Approved Signature: /s/ Will Krause, by staff liaison

Anna L Roseman

Approved Date: 3-11-2021