

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021

Members Present: Alderwoman Janet Stack
Alderwoman Jennifer Warren
Alderman Chris Farrar

Other Present: James Whiteford, Fire Chief
Mike Fillback, Director of Police
Anna Roseman, Fire Department
Charles Bolinger, The Intelligencer

The Edwardsville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Janet Stack at 5:30 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, with a quorum present: Alderwoman Janet Stack, Alderwoman Jennifer Warren and Alderman Chris Farrar.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderwoman Warren to approve minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held Tuesday, August 30, 2021. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.

Police Department:

Informational Item(s):

- *Fatal Pedestrian Accident*
There was a fatal pedestrian accident on Governors Parkway. There isn't any crosswalk and the Ameren streetlight was out. All indications the pedestrian should have seen the vehicles based on the time of day.
- *Bike Trail Arrest*
A register sex offender exposed himself to a minor and the police was able to apprehend him. He faces multiple charges.
- *Successful Missing Person Investigation*
A report came out on September 15, 2021 of a missing adult male. The Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) was assisted by Madison County with a drone and had the assistance of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services Association K-9 Team. The individual was located in St. Louis at a homeless shelter.
- *Calls for Service at Housing Complexes*
There are four (4) major student housing (AXIS Edwardsville, The Reserves, Enclave Student Living and Greenhill Apartments) in Edwardsville. Recently there has been twice as many police service calls to AXIS Edwardsville and The Reserves in the last six (6) months. The EPD is working with management at each student housing to help resolve some of their issues. The Edwardsville Fire Department (EFD) is also having issues with AXIS Edwardsville key system. They have rekeyed all of the apartments and no longer have a master key. This is against the fire code and EFD are working with them.

- *New Officer Update*
Three (3) police officers are in the academy and are doing well. They should graduate in December 3, 2021. Lateral hire Police Officer Luke Whalen started on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Currently there is one (1) opening to backfill and the lateral listing is closing on September 30, 2021.
- *National Night Out*
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the City Park.

Fire Department:

Informational Item(s):

- *Dog Rescue*
The EFD technical rescue team responded to mutual aid call for a dog that was down a 30-40 feet well. The EFD equipment and personnel were used for the rescue.
- *Cars Off a Ravine*
There were two (2) vehicles down a ravine with one (1) unresponsive driver and the other vehicle was unoccupied. The incline was almost vertical and the EFD technical rescue team used ropes and stokes basket to pull the driver out of the ravine.
- *Fire Extinguisher Training*
The EFD is doing a City wide fire extinguisher training for all city employees.
- *Open House*
The Fire Department's Open House is Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Discussion Item(s):

- *The City's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate*
The EPD and EFD stated isn't a way to plan ahead if an employee decides not to get the vaccination. They would go through the normal process of hiring.

New Business: None

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Alderwoman Stack, second by Alderman Farrar. With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried with Stack, Farrar and Warren voting aye.



Janet Stack, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Anna Roseman, Fire Department

Approved Signature: /s/ Janet Stack, by staff liaison

Approved Date: _____