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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:30

PRESENT: Alderman Garfield, Miller, Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Rushbrook, Alderwomen Ulfers and Musk, Mayor Allhands

GUESTS: Fire Captain Jason Howe, Police Chief Jeremy Douglas

Alderwoman Ulfers opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Mayor Allhands stated the city is responsible for making 3 hospital board appointments along with the county board making 3 and the circuit judge making 3. At this time Roger Dittrich's term is up and Mayor Allhands is asking if the committee is ok with re appointing him. The committee is ok with this appointment. Each year in December an appointment will need to be made.

Auxiliary Officer Mark Garfield stated his department didn't have a meeting this month. The department did help with the Christmas Parade and it will well.

Captain Jason Howe with the Fire Department stated the department had 1 fire, 2 automatic alarms, 5 gas leaks, 2 auto aid calls, 1 mutual aid call, 1 lift assist, and 3 down power lines. The training for November consisted of detailed rig check, proper tool cleaning and marking, car fire training with power point, live fire training with car, IMH building tour and preplan and IMH East Campus building tour and preplan. Firefighter Tom Sandeno finished his instructor 1 class, Ryan Burton graduated from Fire Academy with a 96% in the class, Hayden Peters finished his fire apparatus Engineer class and Chief Baier finished his instructor 2 class. Captain Howe stated the realtors in the area have been made award of the smoke detector inspection ordinance. Alderwoman Ulfers had a few questions for Captain Howe about how to schedule an inspection and the process of putting the smoke detector in the right place if its not correct when the inspection is done. Captain Howe stated the cost for an inspection is \$50.00.

Police Chief Jeremy Douglas stated his department had 286 calls for service in November. Chief Douglas stated the new block window has been put in the garage. Chief stated the department has been having problems with the camera servers. There is a total of 8 backups for the cameras and they have outlasted the life expectancy. The cost is \$350 -\$375 each with a \$100.00 installation fee. Ruder's will be changing these out over the next few months. The cost is about \$3500.00. The servers keep data for 2-3 months. Chief Douglas stated he, Officer Muench and Detective Marcott did intruder drills at the 3 schools. Chief stated on Friday there was a threat at the High School so there were 7-8 city officers along with the State Police and the County officers at the school for security and safety in the morning and afternoon. Chief stated Cops for Kids provided 10 Thanksgiving dinner meals to families in the community. Chief stated he has been in touch with and IT person that works along side of Ruder Communications about body and car cams. Body cams will be mandatory in 2025. Chief stated he has COVID money that he would like to use for these cams. The cost for body cams is \$800 each and the

car cams are about \$5,000 per squad. He is going to go to Bradley Police and look at what they have and report back to the committee. He is looking at about \$45,000 for the squads and \$12,000 for the body cams. He also stated he needs to look at the storage of data and whether to use cloud storage at \$40/month or set something up in house. The life span of these cams are 6-7 years.

Alderwoman Ulfers makes a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Monna Ulfers, Chairman