

The meeting was called to Order by Ald. Smith at 6:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Smith, Ald. Forster, Ald. Frings

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Boelk, Ald. Olson, Ald. Toellner, Ald. Henkel, Nathan Kempke, Jack Hurst, Christine Churchill, Brad Marx, Jon Borst, Jon Wild, Tom Jaquot, Lt. Toellner, Chief Ketchem, Greg Zipfel, Sara Decker

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Item #3 Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 and September 24, 2018 meetings.

Motion by Ald. Frings, second by Ald. Forster to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 and September 24, 2018 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #5 Monthly EMS Report.

Christine gave report.

- A. Calls for service report: They have been incredibly busy. They continue to assist Horicon. They are 26 calls ahead of last year.
- B. Staffing Update: Their numbers still look very good. They always look for experienced nurses/EMTs. They are interviewing a student EMT that is working on clinicals now.
- C. Training updates: They did a tour of the remodeled schools and the Prairie Ridge building. They will discuss medial releases. They are doing an evacuation with the schools on Thursday.

Item #6 Monthly Fire Department Report.

Brad & Jon gave report.

- A. Equipment update: They have one engine going out of service tomorrow for a 3-day fix. Jon explained the process. The ground ladders passed their inspections and are ready to go.
- B. Staffing update: They are at 27 people. They have been there the past few months. They have an aging fire dept and in the next 4-5 years will lose over 200 years of experience from retiring. They will be putting an ad out after the first of the year.
- C. Fire Call update: Year to date they have 96 fire calls. They had 7 calls last month. This year they have had the most calls ever. There was discussion on the types of calls they are receiving. There are a number of baby boomers and the population is aging.
- D. Discuss with possible action department hose:
They had an outside service test the fire hoses. They explained the testing. There was a lot of hose that was lost due to not passing the testing that will need to be replaced. They discussed the different types of hoses. They have to take a ladder out of service because there isn't enough hose. The majority of what was lost was 3-inch hose which is approximately \$150/hose. The 5-inch hose is approx. \$300. They will get a quote. They are going to a cloth jacket. They had cloth then went to rubber now they are going back to cloth. The rubber is failing while the cloth hoses passed.
- E. ISO Audit:
They discussed the audit they had with ISO and flow rates with water dept. They improved from 4 to a 3 so insurance rates will stay down. A low number is better. There are only 2200 fire departments nationwide for paid on call departments that got this number. It is the best number they can be.

Ald. Forster noted there are 2 front lights out in front of the fire department. They noted they are over budget this year so they have been repairing trucks before the lights.

Item #7 Monthly Police Department Report.

Chief Ketchem gave report.

A. Traffic Issues:

They have been fielding some questions regarding the bike lane on Horicon Street. They have been monitoring a little more and are trying to educate the public. Autos cannot be in bike lane at all unless it is a dotted white lane or they are pulling into a driveway. They do not want to write citations, but educate now. Ald. Frings noted there are a lot that don't understand the bike lane/parking. They might want to consider a diagram.

B. Community Events:

The police department recently helped with the homecoming and Audubon parades. They thanked DCERT for helping with these. They also have the downtown Halloween event on Thursday night. He also explained the national family violence apprehension detail. There were no warrants within the city.

C. Policy Updates:

The Chief has been going through the manual and making updates. It hadn't been reviewed for 4 years. He is attending open records training at the end of November. The police department will work with EMS and the school district on tours and participate in the evacuation and relocation drills. Most manual changes are minor.

Item #8 Discuss with possible action tornado sirens.

The Badgerland Communications letter is in the packets. The decision was made several years ago. It will take a little bit to get the equipment ordered, but probably could get it done this year. There are approximately 12 houses that can't hear the siren inside their houses. If we have a system in place it should function.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Frings to recommend the ordering and instillation of the parts with the funds from a place to be determined. Motion carried 3-0.

Item #9 Discuss with possible action street light on Seitz Avenue.

Ald. Olson noted that this was going to be talked about by Public Works in November. It was also noted that this item became an issue of public safety, so it was placed on this agenda. Ald. Olson talked to the owner and the neighbors had no issues with removing the light. Ald. Olson had an issue with putting the wire underground because they would have to take down 3 trees. Jack noted that the street lights are in place for a reason. If the lines need to be buried, then the property owner would need to do it. Street lights are in place to protect the public. Greg talked to the insurance agent and said that if the risk exposure goes up from taking out a light the premium could go up. Ald. Frings noted that when street lights are placed it is done according to a lighting survey so the light is there because it is needed. Ald. Olson discussed the South end of the street that is dark. Ald. Smith discussed changing the street lights on Main Street and that a lumen audit was done. The reason for moving the street light because of a swimming pool is not a convincing reason. The permits for the swimming pool have not been applied for yet. There may be issues with the placement of the swimming pool. It's arbitrary to say we don't need the light. Ald. Forster noted that there are 2 separate topics of moving the street light and the burying the lines. Lt. Toellner noted that initially this came in because the citizen wants to move the line because it is over the site she wants to place a pool. The discussion is not about where the light is located. He noted the light is in an important spot as it lights the road in front of you for the intersection.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to recommend that the street light remain in place and any change of service be the responsibility of the property owner. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 Discuss/Recommend Dodge County Sheriff's 911 Joint Powers Agreement.

This agreement allows the County to take 911 calls and dispatch them. This gets renewed every year with every community.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to recommend approval of the 911 Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Frings to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Decker, City Clerk