



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, June 24, 2024, by Chair- Heidi Sparks

**Members Present:** Heidi Sparks- Chair, Irv Wilke- Vice-Chair, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Bruce McGee

**Others Present:** Fire Chief JW Hopper, Fire Maintenance Captain Bridger Fournier, Police Captain Jared Anglin, Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Troy Charbonneau- Ambulance

**Public Input:**

**General Items:**

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of May 20, 2024. Irv moved to approve the minutes; Richard seconded- Motion carried 5-0.
2. Update from Emergency Departments
  - a. Fire Chief JW Hopper- Report attached
    - i. Current members are 30- 2 additional are being presented to City Council this week for approval and 1 additional is going through the application process. If approved that will bring department to 33
    - ii. New truck- Chief Hopper has been working on the research the council has requested
    - iii. DNRC Staff- anticipating to start staffing by this weekend, Columbus and Broadview have both had fires recently
    - iv. Jodi asked about changes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July including signage. Chief Hopper stated that signage is in the works. This is the first change, but additional changes may be coming based on potential changes the school district is contemplating
  - b. Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek- Report attached
    - i. Calls down for May, which has been making training difficult
    - ii. Mutual Aid calls were primarily Joliet and Park City
    - iii. EMT trainee has been cut loose and on own. Troy has completed training and is officially a paramedic!
    - iv. Interviewing for full-time volunteers- of the candidates will most likely be bringing on 2. Also looking at bringing on some summer volunteers as well for the summer. With levy money looking at hiring an additional 3, which will cover staff shortages due to sick and vacation leave
    - v. Care 2 is currently out of service due to issues with the lift

- vi. Jodi asked about the billing for Ward 5 calls. Lyndy stated that it is \$150 per call and so far no issues with the billing. Also have stated billing \$25 per call for lift assists
- c. Police Captain Jared Anglin- Report attached
  - i. Calls for service are down compared to last year
  - ii. We are reaching DUI season and have seen an increase in DUIs. Calls for fraud have also increased
  - iii. Police department is still technically down 5 positions. 2 officers are graduating the academy tomorrow. Received 2 resignations from the reserve program so down to 7 in the reserves
  - iv. This week is the annual certification for K9s and that is taking place at Laurel Middle School
  - v. Next Gen 911 is a digital system, which will also allow for text messaging to 911 as well. Current 911 system is analog. POST is also moving to a portal-based system, which will improve training, record management, etc.
  - vi. Jodi mentioned that she had run into some of the trainers in town. She gave a shout out to Sgt Booth- the individuals spoke very highly of Sgt Booth and Colt. She did ask if Colt was an apprehension dog. Captain Anglin stated that additional training is needed as well as an update to policy to use Colt as an apprehension dog. It is a use of force, and requirements are higher. Currently, Colt is utilized for tracking and narcotics.
  - vii. Richard asked what the years of service is for the K9 unit. Captain Anglin stated usually retire the dog at 8 or 9, depending on the dog.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

**Announcements:**

- 3. Next Meeting will be Monday, July 22, 2024, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm