

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2016**

Alderman Plufka called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Deputy Clerk Pittman called for attendance.

Alderman Plufka – Present  
Alderman Kramer – Present  
Alderman Lochmoeller – Present  
Alderwoman Sims – Present

Also present were: City Administrator Bola Akande, Police Chief Dan Fitzgerald, Fire Chief Terry Kurten, Public Works Director Dan Gummersheimer, and City Clerk Pittman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Meeting Minutes July 21, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes August 3, 2016**

Hearing no changes, by acclamation, the meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT**

**None**

**CHAIRMAN COMMENT**

**None**

**BIDS**

**(RFP) Thermal Imaging Equipment**

The Brentwood Fire Department began using thermal imaging technology in approximately 2006. There are currently two cameras in inventory. The plan is to replace both units and add a third so that the ambulance would be equipped as well.

Thermal imagers use infrared technology to locate changes in temperature. It can detect heat sources or signatures by allowing us to see the hotter spots in a smoky environment. The use of this equipment allows us to essentially have eyes where you normally would not in a smoke filled blacked out room. Infrared technology assists us in locating victims much quicker, locate the seat of the fire faster, and find escape routes for our firefighters in the event they get trapped in that dark black room without any breathable air. Operating in today's fires is much different than in the past. Like everything tech related these days, the equipment reaches a point where it does not support our needs any longer. The technology becomes outdated, and is nowhere as effective as the new technology. Battery technology has changed significantly as well, and the equipment were interested in is using that newer technology.

The city underwent the RFP process for the purchase of three new cameras and received six bids; Leo M. Ellebracht Co - \$10,698.00 each; Kenco Fire Equipment Inc - \$5,783.00 each, Banner Fire Equipment; \$6,791.00 each; TM Somers Fire Equipment Inc - \$6,482.00 each, Mid State Instrument - \$18,225.00 each, Sentinel Emergency Solutions - \$7,685.00 each. After review of the results, and a long investigative process, the request was made to purchase the MSA product from Sentenial Emergency Solutions.

Chief Kurten noted that the cost for the MSA camera is \$7685.00 each or a total of \$23,055.00 for three. We budgeted \$30,000.00 to replace our old equipment in the 2016 budget. The lower than expected cost will allow us to add a third camera to our fleet, and still remain under what we budgeted. The overall cost savings, versus what we budgeted is \$6945.00.

Discussion was held and a motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderman Kramer to recommend to the full board of Aldermen accepting the bid from Sentinel Emergency Equipment and to conduct the first and second reading at the next meeting. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Request For Resident Parking Restrictions On East Side Of St. Clair Avenue (Intersection Of St. Clair Avenue And White Avenue)**

A brief discussion was held and all were reminded that this issue was brought forward by a neighbor of McGrath School with a complaint of traffic from parents picking up and dropping of students. The Brentwood School District has addressed that issued and approved a plan from improvements which should mediate the traffic and parking issues on St. Clair; this project is currently out for bid. Committee members agreed that it may not be necessary for the City to take any actions. Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to postpone indefinitely the request for resident parking restrictions on the East Site of St. Clair Ave. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request For The Removal Of Residential Permit Parking In The 8800 Block Of Bridgeport Avenue**

Director Gummshaimer explained that residents previously voiced concerns regarding parking issues with patrons visiting the Double D Lounge in the 8800 block of Bridgeport Avenue wherein patrons unable to park on the Double D Lounge premises parked along Bridgeport Avenue and reduced street parking options for residents. The solution at that time resulted in the passage of an ordinance (#3967) stating that the following streets or parts of streets are designated as zones where parking is prohibited except by resident permit, specifically at the following locations:

- The north side of Bridgeport Ave. from Brentwood Boulevard west to 8767 Bridgeport Ave.
- The south side of Bridgeport Ave. from Brentwood Boulevard west to 8766 Bridgeport Ave.

Resident permit parking signs were installed along the aforementioned locations with the sign language stating “PARKING BY RESIDENT PERMIT ONLY; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY; 4:00 PM THROUGH 6:00 AM; TOW AWAY ZONE”.

More recently, residents have complained that the parking restrictions are more burdensome as they have limited space for visitors. The permit parking restrictions were needed during the

time period that Double D Lounge patrons would overflow the parking lot and park on the residential streets. Since the Double D Lounge moved its location to 1740 South Brentwood Boulevard (several blocks north of Bridgeport Avenue), the restriction to limit parking by resident permit only is no longer necessary. The no parking this side of street signs west of this area and closer to High School Drive will remain in effect.

Postcard notices were sent to the impacted residents notifying them of this meeting to discuss the possibility of lifting that restriction and allowing an opportunity to voice their opinion; that opportunity was also provided to anyone in the audience.

Carl Horstman – 8921 Bridgeport – stated that he has no objection to the signs being removed and questioned if the narrowness of the street would provide any difficulty for public safety vehicles. Chief Kurten stated that the fire department could investigate clearances to confirm there are no issues.

Albert Barbieri – 8784 Bridgeport – commented that he was an original spokesman of the signs but there are no longer needed.

There was one opposition submitted via email that stated she would prefer leaving the signs the way they are on the east side of Bridgeport.

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to recommend to the full board of alderman an amendment to the municipal code removing the required resident parking by permit on Bridgeport Ave on the west side. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **UPDATES FROM POLICE CHIEF FITZGERALD**

##### **Update Regarding The SUV Accident Involving A BPD Officer At The Early Childcare Center**

Chief Fitzgerald provided a synopsis of the officer involved accident whereby the officer, while in a city vehicle, ran into the playground at the early childcare center in Hanley Industrial Court; an internal investigation is ongoing, the car is being examined by Ford dealership and the insurance carrier, and it is believed to be a basic traffic accident therefore it will not be forwarded to County for investigation.

Committee members questioned allegations of the circumstances behind the accident and Chief responded that he is unable to release details of an ongoing investigation. Administrator Akande reported that the city reviews such matters seriously and is working with the department and outside agencies to gain a resolution but it is still early in the process. An overview was also provided regarding the city's procedures outlined in the safety manual.

##### **General Police Department Updates**

There were no further updates.

#### **UPDATES FROM FIRE CHIEF KURTEN**

##### **General Fire Department Update**

Chief Kurten provided an update of the flash flooding on August 15<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the department may be looking to update the city's boat with the 2017 budget. Concerns were noted and it was announced that a campaign will also begin to increase awareness of CodeRed and to gain updated and perhaps multiple contact information. It was reported the Chief Kurten was formally appointed as the fire chief at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; there are

also plans to formally appoint Ronnie Cottrell as the Assistant Chief. The department will begin the hiring process to fill the subsequent vacant position and will begin with the current hiring list. An update was also provided regarding the firefighter fitness evaluations which begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the department sought proposals for firefighter turnout gear replacement and they will be presented at the next meeting. A brief update was also provided regarding recently reported fire losses.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Pat King – 8821 Bridgeport** – suggested bollards are placed at the playground as extra safety and offered comments regarding equipment used for flooding. He also requested a status update of the MDS project clear.

**Louise Charboneau – 8833 Madge** – stated her appreciation for CodeRed and also offered comments regarding the traffic accident.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Kramer to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

**Approved as submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.**

Attest:

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Octavia Pittman, City Clerk