

## Public Safety Minutes for 5/18/2011 5:00

Call to order at 5:00

In attendance: Glenn, Melody, Gary ,George, Tom ,Larry, Carl, Shawn ,Todd

Discussion of construction issues with Todd. Use of a flag person at vine&4<sup>th</sup> St. No accidents to date.

Discussion on compensation for fire fighters currently at \$6 per hour. Other areas are at \$10-\$12 per hour. Some are a flat fee some have an incremental increase per duty. It was agreed on to go with a flat rate. Fire Chief recommended \$12 per hour.

A motion was made by Melody to pay a flat rate of \$12 per hour for fire fighters. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. Melody and Gary approved of the motion with Glenn abstaining.

Discussion on paying bookkeeper currently at \$400-\$500 per year. Added responsibilities of computerized fire dept. Responding to emails from county, writing of grants, inventories, safety to name a few. Fire Chief renamed the position as lieutenant, which would be one of four officers. Recommended by Fire Chief to be paid \$1180 per year.

A motion was made by Gary to increase salary of lieutenant to \$1180 per year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melody. Gary and Melody approved with Glenn abstaining.

Discussion to reimburse Fire Chief if he has to leave work to attend a fire. Would the city pay if he does not get paid by employer? Fire Chief is discussing the matter with his employer. Motion to table the issue until clarification with Fire Chiefs employer.

Discussion on fire,police,EMT calls. Police had a spike in activity with 3 felony charges the past month. Further investigation on a couple other issues. No accidents due to road construction yet.

EMT's had 2 calls at the same time, could not get a second crew. Pembine squad was called to respond to the second call. Question about mutual aid came up with borrowed help from other cities in particular Breitung Township. We will have to get signed off for each city to clear with their insurance company and to agree on pay. Attorney Coggins has been notified.

Discussion on ethics (Code of Conduct) for fire fighters should be updated. Members will be of good standing in the community with no felonies etc.

Motion to adjourn by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melody. All in favor  
6:00 PM

Submitted by Glenn Lantagne, Chairman