

FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE
CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY, MO
January 21, 2021
Via Zoom Videoconference
8:00 AM

Members: Alderman Ryan Mortland (Co-Chairman), Alderman Sue Allen (Co-Chairman), Mayor Jon Dalton (absent), Don Sanders, George Tarlas, Todd Solomon, Amber Walsh

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Bob Shelton, Communications and Administrative Assistant Morgan Kuepfert.

1. Call to Order

Alderman Ryan Mortland called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and the roll as noted above was taken. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Tarlas moved to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Ms. Walsh and approved.

3. Approval of December 17, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Sanders moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Walsh and approved.

4. Presentation Fire House Options and Staffing – Chief Jeff Sadtler

Alderman Mortland stated that the Task Force has had general discussions on options and requested that Chief Sadtler weigh in and give his thoughts. Chief Jeff Sadtler and Deputy Chief Dave Frazier were present via videoconference for discussion.

Chief Sadtler explained that overall coverage is the main concern. He stated, as previously discussed, the area near 141/40 or the current salt facility would be a beneficial location for a new 2nd station. He further explained that considering a second station, response times would be most improved if the current station location was slightly east of The Principia, ideally, but as far east as the existing City Hall building would still provide quality coverage.

In response to questioning, Deputy Chief Frazier explained that best case scenario, from start to finish on a new station, would take roughly 2 years. This timeline would include acquiring the land, moving through the appropriate Boards and Commissions for certain approvals such as building, zoning, etc. and the physical construction and staffing. Chief Sadtler stated that the available land at the salt facility could be large enough, but he would ultimately prefer a

ladder truck at that location which would require a larger building. Mr. Shelton stated that the salt facility is 2.6 acres with a 6,000 square foot building, and the current fire station sits on 3.6 acres and is an 11,300 square foot building. He added that there is additional MoDOT right-of-way at the salt facility that the City could possibly acquire as well. Additionally, Mr. Shelton noted that the Police Department would also benefit from a sub-station for report writing and closer proximity and visible presence to commercial areas. Chief Sadtler stated the optimum station would be 12,000 – 15,000 square feet.

Further discussions were held relating to traffic concerns and desired equipment at that location. Chief Sadtler stated that he anticipates minimal traffic concerns and the preferred equipment is due to the types of buildings near the location.

Alderman Mortland inquired about what the current station would need to continue to operate for the extended future. Mr. Shelton stated that he would be meeting with an architect this afternoon but anticipates approximately \$1 million worth of improvements/renovations. Brief discussion was held on funding mechanisms and resident response to opting into the Fire District.

5. Discussion – Other

The Task Force requested that Chief Sadtler and Deputy Chief Frazier attend the February meeting for further discussions. Mr. Tarlas and Mr. Solomon will have discussions regarding the financial aspect and will look at it as a collaborative project including the Police Department and Public Works equipment storage.

6. Next Meeting Date – February 18, 2021, 8:00 AM via Zoom.

The Task Force will also meet on March 4, 2021 at 8:00 AM via Zoom. Chief Cavins will be invited to the February meeting.

7. Adjourn

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Sanders moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tarlas and approved.