Meeting was brought to order by Committee Chairperson Susie Weinacht at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Council members Susie Weinacht, Scott Overland, Assistant Fire Chief Greg Smith, Police Chief Wayne Jerman, Building Services Director Kevin Ciabatti, Area Ambulance Services Executive Director Keith Rippy, and Amanda Greider with SAFE-CR.

The July 11, 2017 and August 8, 2017 Public Safety and Youth Services Committee minutes were approved.

**Fire Department Report-Assistant Chief Greg Smith**

Assistant Chief Smith presented the fire report. The number of total incidents has increased with a total of 3186 runs. The number of runs has continued to increase each year but despite these increases, the average response times have remained relatively consistent around the 5:31 mark. There have been discussions with community development to formulate possible solutions on how to accommodate the projected city growth. Possibilities could involve a new station or relocating existing stations. 51.82% of calls were related to EMS, 22.41% were good intent calls where the trucks were cancelled en route and 3.67% were actual working fires. 14 of the 20 fires or 70% were confined to the object or room of origin, and is better than the NFPA goal of 40%.

**Building Service Report-Kevin Ciabatti**

**Permits:**
- Total permits issued are up 3% from this time last year.
- Total residential building permits are down 3% from this time last year.
- Total number of permits issued is up 1% from this time last month.

**Inspections:**
- Building inspections are up 12% from this time last year.
- Electrical inspections are down 19% from this time last year.
- Mechanical inspections are the same as this time last year.
- Plumbing inspections are up 13% from this time last year.
- Overall, the total number of inspections is up 3% as this time last year.
• Total number of inspections is down 17% from this time last month.

Complaints:
• Total number of open complaints is up 29% from this time last year.
• Total number of open cases is down 1% from this time last quarter.
• Total number of pending investigations has increased significantly from this time last year.
• Total number of open nuisance cases is up 22% from this time last year.
• Total number of open zoning cases is up 50% from this time last year.

Developments:
• Building Services reviewed 203 new single-family dwelling plans in FY 2017.
• Building Services performed almost 19,000 inspections in FY 2017.
• The reported value for all construction reported in FY 2017 was $243M.
• In Q1 FY18, it is anticipated Building Services will issue less permits than the same time as last year; however, the valuation of the total permits will increase by over $32 million. This higher valuation is due in part to the following projects:
  • Comfort Inn & Suites (710 American Dr. SW): $5 million.
  • Grand Living at Cedar Rapids (325 Collins Rd SW): $24.8 million.
  • New 4-story condo structure (329 12th Ave SE): $3.1 million.
• In Q1 FY18, plan review is in process for three building permits with a combined valuation over $22.6 million. These permits will help increase the growth in that area of Cedar Rapids.
  • Lil’ Drug Store Products (9300 Earhart Ln SW): $10.8 million.
  • Stoney Point Meadows Senior Housing (1900 Stoney Point Rd SW): $10.3 million.
  • The History Center remodels (800 2nd Ave SE): $1.5 million.

Area Ambulance Report-Keith Rippy
The numbers of calls for service have increased in FY17 and are up 1005 more calls for service than this time last year. The numbers of emergencies have increased by 749 and there have been more than 822 more transports. Despite these overwhelming increases, the response times remain at a solid 94%. Rippy discussed developments to the automatic vehicle program which enables ambulance staff to view the location of the ambulances as well as new intuitive features that collects calls for service data. The expectation is that this will allow us to stage ambulances near areas of higher call volumes in an effort to approach things in a more proactive manner rather than the current static method. Schedule changes are projected to change from 3, 12 hour shifts to 4, 10 hour shifts. This change should result in less hold over time for shift and reduce the number of units that are all engaged. The population is getting older and heavier which results in the need to implement a new power loading patient lifting system. The new lifting system has a weight capacity of 750 pounds. AAS currently responds to calls for patients over 350 pounds on a weekly basis.

Youth Services Update-Shannon Sampson with CRPD
Shannon Sampson reviewed the Youth Services report. One of the several Youth Services programs, Catch with a Cop was recognized and nominated for a “Golden Bobble head” award. Other programs include 5 Youth Academies, Heroes’ Safety Camp, Truman Bike Rodeo, Bike Helmet giveaway event at the Kernels, and Truman 5k Run (5th graders run to Kernels Stadium). CRPD was also selected by the students of Prairie High school to serve as their Homecoming Grand Marshals. Upcoming events include
America Reads Day on October 20th, Crafts with the Cops during winter and Spring Breaks, Mini Academy and the Santa Cop event in December.
The total number of juvenile arrests is up 2% from this time last year. Arrests of 11 and 12 year olds are down and juvenile arrests at High Schools are down by 16% but arrests of 13 and 14 year olds have increased. Simple assaults are up by 9% and shoplifting has increased 10%. Burglary, theft from vehicle, vandalism, drugs/narcotics violence, weapons violence and disorderly conduct are all down.

**SAFE-CR Update-Amanda Grieder**
Amanda presented that there have been 6714 inspections conducted for the quarter. Open complaints by department for the end of the quarter total 996. 393 consist of zoning complaints and 354 are nuisance complaints. Of the open complaint types 681 are active and currently under review.

A success story reported was of a resident who had continual issues keeping her water service on. This resident suffered from mental/social issues but with assistance, she is now on medications, living at home with her water back on!

**Police Department Report-Chief Wayne Jerman**
Chief Wayne Jerman reviewed the crime statistics. Assault domestic abuse impeding breathing/circulation is up 133.33%. This increase is believed to be due the implementation of new questioning training which results in more accurate reporting. Despite the increase, total offenses violent crime has decreased by 7.04%. Hand guns stolen from motor vehicles remains an issue. This is a reminder to stop leaving guns in your car. Credit card machine fraud has increased by 49.72%. It is believed to be a result of skimmers who manipulate the ATM’s. Traffic stops are up 33% which continues to lead to the detection of other criminal violations. There is a continual push to stop vehicles for violations.

Three guns were taken off of the street as a result of citizen assistance calls. In one of incidences, a citizen witnessed a suspect/driver who attempted to hide a gun. Upon further investigation it was learned that the suspect was a felon and was recently released from federal prison after service time on a Federal Firearms Violation.

CRPD collaborated with Foundation 2 to obtain a grant of 75K. This grant will provide assistance for people who suffer from mental disorders and provide officer training for crisis. The focus is to get these individuals the appropriate help they need rather than incarcerating individuals suffering from mental illness.

**Parks and Recreation-Angie Charipar**
Angie presented the statistics for Parks and Recreation. Pool attendance preached 157,000 patrons this past season. Pool events include weekend youth swim lessons and Winter pool rental.

**JANUARY AGENDA ITEM FORECAST**
- Building Services Report (*Ciabatti*)
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- Cedar Rapids Fire Department Report (*Smith*)
- Area Ambulance Service Report (*Rippy*)
- Youth Services Report (*Sampson*)
- Police SAFE-CR Report (*Grieder*)
- Cedar Rapids Police Department Report (*Jerman*)
- July Agenda Forecast Items

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Thank you,
Megan Moon
Cedar Rapids Fire Department
Central Fire Station Admin II