

**City of Earlham
Public Safety Committee
August 29, 2017**

The Earlham Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday August 29th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting Room in the Earlham Community Building. Present: Petersen, Griwsold, Fredericksen. Staff present: Clerk Hibbs. Also present Mayor Lillie, Councilmember Royster, Fire Chief Boyle, Rescue Captain Hopp, Scott Lang.

1. Approval of agenda

Motion by Griswold, second by Fredericksen, to approve agenda.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible recommendations to Council regarding land available for fire department
Chief Boyle has had discussion with Scott Lang, owner of Master Griller, regarding building and land being for sale. Chief said he was interested but it was up to Council. The assessed value of property is \$109,600 and that is what he would be asking. Restaurant equipment will be removed. Boyle stated the reason for purchase would be to build a smaller building as an expansion while continuing use to existing building as well. Department needs more room for equipment and apparatus bay. Need to get out of “old” fire building which still stores some equipment. Lang stated if City keeps the building or does not intend to tear down immediately, he will have hail damage to front of building to improve appearance. Mayor stated the \$9500 insurance money could go towards demolition. Boyle stated building doesn’t work for fire department and suggest tearing it down.

Mayor wants to make sure lot is long enough for 2-3 drive through bays for longer trucks. All felt having the building on Chestnut Avenue would be good presence for the fire/rescue departments. Question arose as to possibility of whole new building on different location. At this time there is nothing available which would fit their needs. If interested in purchasing, something needs to be decided by budget time which is quickly approaching. Suggest having a Public Safety Committee meeting before the next council meeting on September 11th, Committee asked Boyle, if possible, to come back with rough drawing to next meeting. Consensus of committee to move ahead with getting more information, i.e. lot size, etc.

3. Beginning discussion on process for replacing rescue truck – David Hopp
Hopp wants to start discussion on replacing the rescue truck. Old truck is a 2001 and was put into service in 2002. Is currently getting AC replaced. Rear door seals leaks badly in the rain, and has had numerous other repairs. Royster said this was mentioned at last year’s budget discussions and Hopp was given okay to start specking out truck and getting prices. So he can go ahead. It will be a 450 truck chassis 4WD with ambulance box and a cot. Wants ability to transport in case of an emergency and/or keep patient in until transport. Also would like to have more seating for firefighters when needed. Hopp said he will get going on specifics.
4. Adjourn
Motion by Royster, second by Fredericksen, to adjourn.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Scott Petersen, Chairperson