

FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE
CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY, MO
July 28, 2020
Via Zoom Videoconference
8:00 AM

Given the current public health crisis, various emergency meeting declarations, and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., this Fire and EMS Task Force meeting was held via Zoom videoconference and streamed live to YouTube. Public comments on agenda items were solicited via email. Real-time public viewing of the meeting was made available via the City's website at www.town-and-country.org.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

1. Call to Order

City Administrator Bob Shelton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and the roll as noted above was taken. There was a quorum.

Alderman Mortland moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Solomon. Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of July 14, 2020 Minutes

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Sanders. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Summary of 2005 PAR Group Study

City Administrator Bob Shelton reviewed key information from the study via PowerPoint presentation. Information reviewed included response times, call volumes, number of calls per ward and types of calls. Mr. Shelton also reviewed details about the agreement with West County Fire Protection District at the time including cost and how cost was determined. Discussion was held relating to the cost of the 2005 report, and what a similar study would cost today. It was noted if a study were to be performed today, that the scope would need to be refined. Additional discussion ensued relating to the condition of the fire house in Town and Country. Mr. Shelton stated he would invite Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler to the next meeting to present additional, more in depth information.

4. Current service overview

The Task Force discussed the current service contract and services provided. It was noted that certain areas in Town and Country are serviced by other districts/departments as well through mutual aid, specifically Wards 1 and 4.

5. Options for Fire/EMS Service

Mr. Shelton reviewed potential options for Fire and EMS service previously discussed including annexation into the West County district and City operated services. Mr. Shelton noted that if the City was annexed, the tax rates for West County District would decrease. Discussion ensued relating to the overall investment for City operated services, including staff and equipment.

6. Next meeting date – August 21, 2020, 8:00 AM

The Task Force will also meet on September 8 at 8:00 AM.

7. Adjourn

At 8:46 AM, Ms. Walsh moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sanders. The meeting was adjourned.