



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 18, 2013
6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
 - A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 28, 2013 6:00 PM**
- 3. Agenda Items**
 - A. Council Bill 59: Discussion of Pre-Pay Gas Resolution Policy**
- 4. General Discussion**
- 5. Adjournment**

This meeting will be open to the public.

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Kim Hubbard, City Clerk



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CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
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OCTOBER 28, 2013
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Member Kevin Wood

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kevin Wood	Member	Present	
Doug Meyer	Member	Present	
Stacey Dahlman	Member	Absent	
Marcia Milner	Alternate	Absent	
David Dickerson	Member	Present	
Bret Reece	Chair	Absent	

Also: Alderman Morris Coburn, City Administrator Keith Moody, Police Chief John Hofer, Emergency Services Director Larry Francis, Finance Director Mike Tholen, Public Info Officer/ Deputy City Clerk Sheryl Stanley, recording.

In the absence of the Public Safety Committee chair Brett Reece, Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and stated that a quorum was not present. He determined that the minutes of the previous meeting could not be approved, but he said the group would hear the reports that were scheduled on the agenda.

2. Approve Minutes

A. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 26, 2013 6:00 PM -

3. Agenda Items

A. Emergency Operations Plan Update - Recommended as a Resolution

Chief Larry Francis presented a packet of proposed changes to the Emergency Operations Plan. He told the committee members that the plan is updated every three years and presented for their approval. He noted that major changes had been made to the Public Information section, Appendix C, and that the city's Public Information Officer had assisted with these changes. When approved, he told members that it would be housed on the city's computer system in the Department Head drive, and 3 paper copies would be kept in the City Clerk's office.

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There being no questions or objections from those present, the mayor ordered that the plan be brought forward to the board of aldermen for full approval.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED AS A RESOLUTION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Wood, Member
SECONDER:	Doug Meyer, Member
AYES:	Kevin Wood, Doug Meyer, David Dickerson
ABSENT:	Stacey Dahlman, Marcia Milner, Bret Reece

B. Ambulance Costs -

City Administrator Moody distributed a revised memo to illustrate the cost of ambulance ownership including depreciation, saying his first was based on a faulty formula.

Based upon mileage, the cost of ownership for our three ambulances ranges from \$1.38/mile to \$1.41/mile. Looking at the hours each ambulance has logged, which is another measure of cost, ranges are from \$32.88/hour to \$39.57/hour.

He said both of the 2004 ambulances had experienced engine failure before they were due for refurbishing. They are scheduled to be replaced in 2016 when they should have approximately 300,000 miles of service.

Alderman Dickerson asked if they were gas or diesel engines and was told they have Dura Max diesel engines.

Mr. Moody said the cost of a new ambulance has risen from \$110,000 in 2004 to an estimated \$165,000 today. To date, the cost of each ambulance is roughly equal. He is hopeful the 2009 vehicle will continue to give good service and the 2004 models will last another 75,000 miles each.

He said depreciation is the driving factor because re-sale value of an ambulance is poor.

Alderman Dickerson said buying a diesel may not be cost effective. Chief Francis said there is some evidence that gasoline engines are coming back into favor.

Captain Johnny Coday, who was present in the audience, offered his opinion that the 2004 Dura Max engines were not good because they were new on the market and had a number of weaknesses. He said the 2009 Dura max engines were much better.

John Teague said his research indicated the number of hours an ambulance spent idling is a better indicator of its true age than service hours or mileage. He also said Kansas City, Missouri is getting total engine replacements on 2 ambulances right now.

Chief Francis said the department performs its own maintenance on the vehicles and takes them to Westfall Odell for major problems.

Alderman Dickerson said in his opinion we should always get all new equipment when we get an engine replacement.

Jason Hondrick, firefighter/EMT also in the audience, noted that South Metro in Raymore replaces its ambulances every 3 years. Captain Coday said the older ambulances are getting unreliable and should be replaced as soon as possible. He also said the suspension systems are poor, resulting in a rough and bouncy ride. He said replacing ambulances every 4-6 years is the industry standard.

City Administrator Moody said leasing an ambulance is another possibility.

Mayor Wood thanked everyone for the wealth of information provided and said we need lots of research before purchasing another ambulance. He also asked that staff check on the air ride system.

Mr. Moody also provided information to answer Mr. Teague's question regarding the revenue from the sales tax. Mr. Moody said we receive approximately \$450,000/yr. from

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the sales tax. The EMS budget is approximately \$3,000,000 annually and the largest source of revenue is ambulance transports which generate approximately \$2,000,000. The city's General Fund must still support the EMS department to make up the shortfall.

Mr. Teague said the Board of Aldermen need to know the condition of the ambulances, that \$100,000 was spent on repairing them in recent years, and that a new ambulance is needed now, not two years from now because that is a long time. He also said he felt the ambulances should be replaced every 5 years, rather than every 7.

4. General Discussion

None

5. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 6:58 PM

Alderman Dickerson moved the meeting be adjourned and Alderman Meyer seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

Kevin Wood, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

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TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: November 14, 2013
SUBJECT: Pre-Pay Gas Resolution Policy

Type of Item: *Policy*

At the June 20, 2013 Public Safety Meeting there was discussion with regard to proposing a pre-pay gas ordinance in an effort to reduce our crime index. It has been determined that the majority of Harrisonville's crime index over the past few years has been associated with theft, to include shoplifting and gas drive offs. Members of the Public Safety Committee present were not supportive of passing an ordinance requiring fuel distributors to have pre-pay gas system but they were supportive of a resolution directing the police department to only take theft reports from those fuel distributors with a pre-pay system in place. Please find attached the proposed resolution drafted by City Attorney Steven Mauer. If passed, a letter of explanation will be drafted to each of our fuel distributors and hand delivered by an on duty patrolman to answer any questions.

This proposed resolution was presented to the Public Safety Committee on August 22, 2013 and comes forward with their recommendation. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution from the Public Safety Board and request that it be placed on the Agenda of the Board of Alderman for their consideration.

Council Bill No. 59

Resolution No.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE,
MISSOURI, TO REQUIRE BUSINESSES SELLING GASOLINE OR DIESEL
FUEL TO INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-PAYMENT OR
PRE-APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE SALE.**

WHEREAS, a significant number of motorists throughout the area are filing their fuel tanks and driving off without paying; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonville Police Department expends significant time and expense in investigating these incidents; and

WHEREAS, the time and expense the City of Harrisonville Police Department expends investigating these incidents detracts from proactive policing opportunities regarding other community matters and more serious crimes; and

WHEREAS, the necessary investigations result in significant costs to the City and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, fuel thefts have the potential of escalating to more serious crimes and create a greater risk of harm to the victim, officers, offender and to the general public; and

WHEREAS, fuel theft seriously and significantly result in loss of revenues to owners and operators of gasoline stations; and

WHEREAS, requiring pre-payment for fuel is in the best interest of the City and its citizens and is designed to promote the public safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That Section One shall read as follows:

- (a) Definitions. As used in this section the following terms shall have the meanings given in this subsection:
 - (1) “Pre-approval” means the business has issued an identification card to the purchaser that verifies and records the purchaser’s driver’s license information.
 - (2) “Pre-pay” means payment in advance for any quantity of gasoline or diesel fuel sold at any time by cash, credit card, debit card, check or any other legal means.

- (b) Payment or approval in advance required for gasoline and/or diesel fuel sold. Business establishments that sell gasoline and/or diesel fuel shall require pre-payment or pre-approval of sales of fuel prior to activation or authorization of any fuel dispensing unit or fuel pumping devise.
- (c) Penalty. Failure or refusal to comply with this section shall be the basis for the City of Harrisonville Police Department declining to investigate or respond to a report of a gas drive off.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall become effective November 1, 2013

READ two times by title only and DULY PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Harrisonville, Missouri, this 3rd day of September, 2013.

Kevin W. Wood, Mayor and Ex Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

WITNESS my hand and seal this 3rd day of September, 2013