

EMS DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2021

The EMS Department Committee met on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:30pm. Present were Mayor Staner, Council Members Mike Delaney and Andy Kelchen, City Administrator, Deanna McCusker and Chris Felton, representing the EMS.

The EMS department was presented with a proposed fee increase for specific calls and care due to the results of a 2021 rate survey. The ambulance budget was discussed concerning revenue vs. expenses. The loan from purchasing the service will be paid off in FY22. The committee feels rates shouldn't be raised unless there is a specific need.

The staffing of the ambulance service was discussed in detail. We need more volunteers. Different options to assist with increasing the staffing was discussed, including offering a per pay call amount to the driver and EMS staff. We will do some research into what other agencies pay and how it is determined. Additionally, it was discussed about charging for refusal to transport.

We will do some research regarding pay, staffing of other departments, etc. and hold another meeting before making the decision on increasing the rates.

With nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor