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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Junior Ezeonu  
Council Member Jacquin Headen

### AGENDA ITEMS

*Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

1. **Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee**

No discussion.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member Headen.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu, Council Member Headen

2. **Winter Operations Plans Presentation**

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Chase Wheeler briefed the committee on this item. He explained that our National Weather Service partners have mentioned that this winter there is a higher probability of warmer weather and more severe thunderstorms. There is also a chance of more extreme winter weather. They are also predicting La Nina conditions expected to last until March of 2023. Mr. Wheeler spoke about the difference between Warming Centers and Shelters. More recently we have activated warming centers. Shelters require a lot of strict procedures, more resources and an estimated \$120 per person, per day to run. We are not equipped to run a shelter. In place of not running a shelter we have a partnership with American Red Cross that can provide a lot of those resources. A specially trained Shelter Management Team was created from employees from multiple departments within the city to share responsibility. We created a Warming Center Plan which is sent to the state and we are required to update every five years which allows us to apply and receive grant money. We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The American Red Cross that allows us to call on them in emergency situations to provide multiple resources to our citizens. The city recently purchased a 500 gallon storage fuel tank that helps us run the lift station at the south end of town that is very important during emergency weather conditions. Public Works has prepared for bad weather days by purchasing 4X4 vehicles in order to get around better during inclement weather and they work closely with Police and Fire Dispatch to get to the areas of the city that

need the most help. Additionally, we are sending out AlertGP postcards to all residences in the north part of town in attempt to get more people to sign up to receive emergency alerts and general information.

Facility Services Manager Ray Riedinger briefed the committee on the power generation side of things. Update on docking stations which are located at Betty Warmack Library, Charley Taylor Recreation Center, Dalworth Recreation Center and the Vet Center. Mid December is when we are planning to have them all operational. Update on when the mobile generators should arrive, due to supply issues will be beginning of 2023 for some and July or August of 2023 for the larger ones, but FEMA has priority and could take charge of those generators anytime. We are getting a total of five generators, two large, two medium and one small one. We also put a generator at the Housing and Municipal Courts building that came online this month. We have a contract with a company that can supply temporary generators if we have an event like in February, until ours arrive. No further.

3. **A Resolution Ratifying the Application for and Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant offered by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$187,065 for the purchase of bullet resistance shields and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Relative to the Acceptance of the Grant**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on this item. We are looking to get 65 ballistic shields to help us in a gun fight to be used at the schools. The shields are clear and bigger than the ones we have had in the past. This grant is in direct response to the Uvalde shooting. This grant will cover the full cost of the ballistic shields.

Motion made by Council Member Headen, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu, Council Member Headen

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman