The Public Safety Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seabrook Fire Station #1, 1850 East Meyer, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

LAURA DAVIS	CHAIRPERSON
RAY COOK	SVFD FIRE CHIEF
JAMES BRUMM	CLEMC
GARRY MACK	SVFD PRESIDENT
JEFF GALYEAN	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
DON HOLBROOK	COUNCIL MEMBER
SEAN WRIGHT	POLICE CAPTAIN
PETE BRACCIO	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
RONICA HALL	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
TOM MERCHANT	EL LAGO REPRESENTATIVE
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

Chairperson Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review submitted Public Safety Fund Requests.

There were none.

2. Discuss a plan forward for the next phase of ISO reduction.

Fire Chief Ray Cook recommended the same consultant, Mike Pietsch, and three phase process at a cost of $16,500 with the goal of achieving a two rating. The phases include 1) Conduct a class detail meeting; 2) Prepare the ISO pre-survey information necessary to improve from a Class 3 to a Class 2; and 3) Assist the ISO field representative. He further stated that the State Fire Marshal's website explains ISO and the process involved. While a lower ISO rating results in better insurance rates, it is not practical for a city the size of Seabrook to expect a rating better than a two. Goals for achieving a better rating should include more man hours, a fire flow of 3,500 gallons per minute and decreased response time. Chief Cook stated that no action is required at this time.

3. Update on use of remaining bond funds.

Chairperson Davis stated that City Council approved the use of the bond funds and purchasing can begin.

4. Consider establishing an amateur radio operator facility.

Fire Chief Ray Cook stated that in times of disasters, amateur radios are often the only means of communications.

Mr. Galyean stated that a location for the radio operators is an issue. He added that a possibility would be to build out an area in the water tower, although this would require seeking out a grant. The cost for outfitting an ADA compliant second floor would be a minimum of $275,000.

With the encouragement of the members, Chief Cook and Mr. Galyean will research the issue to come up with a plan.

5. Consider options for SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant.

Motion was made by Chief Cook and seconded by Mr. Mack

To table this item until a later date.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

6. Update on specifications for the mobile command unit.

Mr. Galyean stated that he had seen several command vehicles at a conference recently. He stated there are many variations available. He requested a meeting of representatives from all emergency response entities to discuss wants and needs and the cost involved. Then he will be able to discuss with the committee at the next meeting.

7. Update on events affecting public safety since last meeting.

Chief Cook stated that there had been a house fire in Seascape, but there were no injuries.

Captain Wright stated that PD had received over 2,000 calls for service in the last month; there were serious issues with traffic; and the message board has been delivered.

Mr. Galyean reported that the EMPG Grant had increased by $9,000; Homeland Security grant in the amount of $50,000 for radios for Public Works to tie into the 800 system; and there is a fire drill scheduled for the city hall on April 26.

Mr. Brumm stated that CLEMC now has an ultrasound and is about to acquire a second which helps in determining internal bleeding and life threatening injuries. The LUCAS has been used and is an impressive life-saving device. Mr. Brumm stated that it had been used on a man for forty-five minutes, after which he walked out of the hospital.

Councilor Holbrook stated that CERT had a drill with Harris County for a biochemical emergency where there were 36 participants. On April 26 there will be a drill at the Community House conducted with the Red Cross and will focus on shelter management and the paperwork involved. They are currently seeking volunteers.

8. Review/approve minutes of the Public Safety meeting of March 14, 2012.

Motion was made by Chief Cook and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

To approve the minutes as written.

Chief Cook stated that for clarification he would like to change Item 2, line 3 as follows:

Captain Wright gave the background, stating that the original intention was to use $15,000 for 800MHz repeaters and while they could have been purchased, they [~~could not be used because Harris County would not support them~~] **became less of a priority because they could not be used on the trunking system**.

Motion was made by Chief Cook and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

To approve the amendment to the minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

9. Future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting will be May 9. Pete Braccio will be out of town.

Items for discussion will include:

- Routine items
- Mobile Command Unit
- ISO Rating process
- Amateur Radio location.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

Laura Davis
Laura Davis, Chairperson

Meredith Brant
Meredith Brant, TMRC
Assistant City Secretary