

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION
October 2, 2017 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of Boone, Iowa, met in special session in the auditorium at City Hall on October 2, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Slight presiding. The following Council Members were present: Porter, Mallas, Hicks, Piklapp, Nystrom and Ray. Absent: McGinn.

Mayor Slight announced that this meeting is in regards to a joint ambulance service between the City of Boone and the Boone County Hospital (BCH).

Skare stated that the City will continue services as it has in the past; in addition, Boone County Hospital will pay the City an additional \$68,000.00 to the current \$12,000.00 per year, to run a third (3rd) ambulance in the City and County. The third (3rd) ambulance and the supplies will be provided by the Hospital and kept at the Fire Department. Mark Addy and Joe Smith reassured the citizens that they try not to send the third (3rd) ambulance outside of the county in order to reduce the amount of time resources are not available to Boone County residents. It was stated that the history shows a third ambulance being called out approximately fifty (50) times per year.

Smith explained the payment to the City for covering the third (3rd) ambulance will not cost any more to the Hospital compared to their current expenses of running that ambulance. Smith stated the fire department will be quicker than the hospital for the third ambulance since they currently have to find someone to run it. Smith acknowledged Mark Addy, Justin Adams and Gary Nystrom for their work on this agreement.

McGinn joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Addy stated that he believes this service will remain the same as it is now except it will be better with no additional cost. Addy explained the fire department will staff the third (3rd) ambulance which the hospital does not have staff for and that the fire department will follow the Hospital's protocol.

Smith stated that the Boone County Hospital does not always need the fire department but we do need them often and that the hospital needs to get better at letting the fire department know when they are not needed.

Council and Staff took several questions from concerned citizens.

Wiebold explained how police officers can and will respond to emergency calls and the training and resources available.

Adams stated he has thirty-one (31) firefighters between full time, part time and paid-on-call staff. The primary focus of the Fire Department is to provide emergency services.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ondrea Elmquist Clerk/Finance Officer

John Slight, Mayor