

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 30, 2017**

The Wayne City Council met in a joint meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with members of the Providence Medical Center Board as well as the Rural Fire District Board. Mayor Ken Chamberlain called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Rod Greve, Jennifer Sievers, Jason Karsky, Matt Eischeid and Jill Brodersen; City Attorney Amy Miller; City Administrator Lowell Johnson; and City Clerk Betty McGuire. Absent: Councilmembers Cale Giese, Jon Haase and Nick Muir.

Those present from Providence Medical Center were: Jim Frank, CEO, and Board Members Galen Wiser, Karen Harrington, Richard Brandow and Eric Knutson.

Those present from the Rural Fire District were: Brian Ruwe, Mark Niemann and Dave Zach.

Notice of the convening meeting was given in advance by posting in three places on May 26, 2017, and a copy of the meeting notice and agenda were simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the Council convened in open session.

The purpose of said meeting was to discuss the ambulance service and funding for the same for the City and County of Wayne. The City received notice from Providence Medical Center of its intent to end the ambulance service if additional funding is not received. The amount being requested at this time is \$75,000 to help with not only the purchase of a new ambulance, but also for operations of the service.

It was noted that 80-85% of the ambulance calls are within city limits and 15-20% are outside city limits. With that in mind, Mayor Chamberlain offered the following proposal based on a contribution of \$75,000 at 80% the first year, and 12% thereafter for 2 years:

2017/2018	\$51,000
2018/2019	\$57,120

2019/2020 \$63,975

Also proposed was to go forward after year three with a 2-3% increase.

The Rural Fire District, through its President, Brian Ruwe, stated they are a “Fire District” and do not have anything to do with ambulance service. They did not feel they were under any obligation to help fund the ambulance service.

Administrator Johnson advised everyone that other Fire Districts pay costs for providing ambulance service, and he computed that the cost for those in Wayne County or in the Rural Fire District would be approximately \$.20 per acre with what is proposed. It was also noted that the Rural Fire District could ask the County Commissioners for funding as part of their annual budget request.

Also discussed during the meeting was the hiring of an ambulance service for the City and/or having the ambulance service run by the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 .m.