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To: Town Council
From: Glenn Michalowski, Town Manager
Subject: EMS Ordinance Discussion
Date: September 17, 2024

Summary

Attached is a draft ordinance that Lisbon Emergency and I have developed to propose a structure for a town-run EMS service. As discussed, we initially explored the quasi-municipal model but opted not to pursue that path due to the lengthy timeline required to reach consensus. Currently, our options are to create a town-run EMS entity, maintain the status quo, or revisit the quasi-municipal discussion.

At this stage, I am seeking your feedback specifically on the ordinance language for the creation of an EMS department. Establishing new departments requires council authorization under the town charter. It's crucial that we solidify the policy framework before diving into detailed cost projections and billing ordinances. This ensures we don't waste valuable staff time on calculations and negotiations only to reach a standstill if the ordinance is not something the council wishes to move forward with.

Introducing the ordinance will not require any immediate appropriations, but it signals that we are serious about putting forth a clear structure for everyone to review transparently. Once the policy is finalized, we can then focus on refining the cost estimates and the operational details.

Please review the attached draft ordinance, and I welcome your input on how we can proceed.

Recommendation

Attachments

1. Draft EMS ordinance