

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Time and Place: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M., Conference Room, Wausau Safety Building, 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau.

Members Present: D. Huntimer (C), C. Bahr, T. Patterson

Members Absent: L. Jorstad, William Graef

Others Present: J. Hardel, G. Buchberger, Mayor Tipple, M. Loy, A. Jacobson, K. Schildt

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin State Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted at Wausau City Hall and the Public Safety Building and e-mailed to the Wausau Daily Herald and City Pages in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairperson Patterson.

(1) Minutes of December 18, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Bahr, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 meeting, second by Patterson. Motion carried 3-0.

(2) Police Department Operations

The police report was given by Police Chief Hardel.

Stephanie Low investigation continues.

Gun store burglaries investigation continues.

Theft by fraud, involving Eastbay Inc was discovered.

Arrest made in theft at local business.

Homeless shelter warming center will open February 1, 2013 in the building next to St. Pauls Church located at 319 N 4th Avenue.

Great results are being seen with Officer Graham leading the problem solving teams.

12 hour shift change has been going good, no issues and the officers seem to like the change in shifts. The Patrol Lieutenants are working a straight 12 hour shift and that too is working out well.

Patrol Captain Dwayne Dachel has stepped down to Patrol Lieutenant.

A grant position is being offered by the Alexander Foundation for a full time police officer. They will pay 100% the first year, 50% the second and 25% the third, with the stipulation that the position will keep on with the Police Department.

City bow hunt had 75 registrations this year. 14 deer were taken down with no accidents, injuries or complaints.

Motion made by Bahr, to accept the report given by Chief Hardel, second by Patterson. Motion carried 3 -0.

(3) Fire Department Operations

The fire report was given by Fire Chief Buchberger

EMS Division Chief is back from training in Alabama. He will be training the staff on what he has learned at the training. The training was geared towards terrorist's events.

"Keep the Wreath Green" program ran from Thanksgiving Day through January 1, 2013. There were five fires total, which is up from past years.

The department was notified it has passed the first few stages of approval for a FEMA grant, they are one of the finalist. If the grant is approved the department will use the money to upgrade the defibrillators and Lucas devices, saving the City of Wausau over \$100,000.

Interviews were done to replace the Administrative Assistant position Mindy Walker from the Community Development has accepted the position. She will be introduced at next month's meeting.

The new incident command vehicle has been delivered and they are very pleased with the vehicle. Next month the vehicle will be available for a demonstration.

Wildwood Lane fire on January 7, 2013, was discussed.

Motion made by Bahr, to accept the report given by Chief Buchberger, second by Patterson. Motion carried 3-0.

(4) Closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)c of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of interviewing candidate for Patrol Captain.

Motion by Bahr, second by Patterson to enter into **Closed Session**. Motion approved 3-0. 8:56am

Roll call vote: Huntimer, Bahr, Patterson

(5) Reconvene meeting to open session for the purpose of acting upon the interview for Patrol Captain.

Motion by Bahr, second by Patterson to enter into open session. Motion approved 3-0. 9:21am

Roll call vote: Huntimer, Bahr, Patterson.

Motion by Bahr, to promote Lieutenant Bliven to Patrol Captain, second by Patterson. Motion approved 3-0.

(6) Adjourn

The next Police and Fire Commission meeting will be on February 19, 2013.

With no further business, motion by Bahr to adjourn, second by Patterson. Motion carried 3-0.
Adjourned at 9:23 am

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Huntimer, Acting Chairperson
Police and Fire Commission