

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Time and Place: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m., Conference Room, Wausau Public Safety Building, 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau WI

Members Present: D. Huntimer(C), B. Graef, C. Bahr, T. Patterson, L. Jorstad

Others Present: J. Hardel, G. Buchberger, Sheriff Scott Parks, Michael Loy, David Ackerman, 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 Huntimer.

(1) Minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Jorstad, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting, second by Graef. Motion carried 5-0.

(2) **Guest speaker**, Sheriff, Scott Parks spoke to the committee.

(3) Police Department Operations

The police report was given by Police Chief Hardel.

The final gun was recovered from the Condition One gun store burglary.

Gravestone vandalism continues; an offer of reward hasn't had anyone with information to step forward.

Investigation continues on a serious fight at the Paradox Bar.

The arrests made in the burglary at St. Michael's School have these same individuals involved in numerous other burglaries and thefts from various counties.

WPD continue to track Methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine incidents.

Multiple burglaries occurred over the past weekend, all at unoccupied residents in the Northeast part of the city.

Wisconsin Valley Fair had no significant incidents this year.

Humane Officer is currently in training. Dangerous/vicious dog declarations continue to increase with one prohibited declaration.

CSO contracts to work with other jurisdictions is currently being worked on at the City Attorney's Office.

400 Block continues to have issues. There are approximately 60 calls per month just in this area.

City Council voted to allow the police to issue park bans, to date two have been issued.

Public intoxication ordinance was passed at Public Health and Safety, and will go to council in September.

City Council voted to hire a full time Evidence Technician.

Motion made by Bahr, to accept the report given by Chief Hardel, second by Graef. Motion carried 5 -0.

(4) Fire Department Operations

The fire report was given by Fire Chief Buchberger

Wisconsin Valley Fair was routine standby.

The Fire Department continues to be involved in the planning, inspection and standby status at many special events in the Wausau area, causing the department to be stretched extensively. The events seem to be going on more months of the year than previously causing concerns for staffing.

The comprehensive plan should be available within the next week or two. Michael Loy will send each commissioner a copy of the plan once it is published.

The 2nd Street burn was a request made by Community Development. Weston and Rib Mountain had members participate in the training.

Motion made by Jorstad, to accept the report given by Chief Buchberger, second by Patterson. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Buchberger and David Ackerman exit meeting.

(5) Closed session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of interviewing recommended candidate to hire for the position of Patrol Lieutenant.

Motion by Bahr to move into closed session, second by Graef. Roll call: Bahr, Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad, Patterson.

(6) Reconvene meeting into open session for the purpose of acting upon the Patrol Lieutenant position.

Motion by Bahr to move into open session, second by Patterson. Roll call: Bahr, Patterson, Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad.

Motion by Jorstad to hire Michael Felder as Patrol Lieutenant, second by Patterson. Motion carried 5-0.

(7) Adjourn

The next Police and Fire Commission meeting will be on September 17, 2013. The committee will meet at the range.

With no further business, motion by Bahr to adjourn, second by Graef. Motion carried 5-0.
Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Huntimer, Chair
Police and Fire Commission