

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Time and Place: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M., Conference Room, Wausau Safety Building, 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau.

Members Present: D. Huntimer(C), C. Bahr, W. Graef, L. Jorstad

Members Absent: T. Patterson

Others Present: J. Hardel, G. Buchberger, M. Loy, Mayor Tipple, 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 August 20, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Jorstad, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting, second by Bahr. Motion carried 4-0.

(5) Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of interviewing and promoting an individual to a vacant Lieutenant position and establishing a list for future promotions to Lieutenant. (8:35 a.m.)

Fire Chief Buchberger indicated he will not present a list for future promotions at this time, but would like to request a special meeting in the next one to two weeks, where he can bring a list to the committee for approval.

Motion by Bahr, to enter into closed session, second by Jorstad. Roll call Bahr, Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad. Motion approved 4-0.

(6) Reconvene meeting into open session for the purpose of acting upon the Lieutenant position. (8:50 a.m.)

Motion by Jorstad, to reconvene into open session, second by Graef. Roll call Graef, Bahr, Jorstad, Huntimer. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Jorstad to promote Chris Barber to Lieutenant with the Wausau Fire Department, second by Graef. Motion approved 4-0.

(2) Police Department Operations

The police report was given by Police Chief Hardel.

The misappropriation of funds involving local fundraising events is currently being investigated.

The Yo Chubby Gringo owners attended the Public Health and Safety meeting regarding the citations for dumping leftover food down storm drains, they are fighting the citations.

Cell phone ban was discussed, the Chief will support the Council's decision, however believes the ruling should be made at the state level.

The Chief has made a recommended to the Public Health and Safety Committee that the Paradox Bar and Intermission Bar, both be called in for review. Both taverns have accrued over 100 points on their licenses.

Bill Duncanson, from the Parks Department, called the Chief and is concerned about the ban on the 400 Block Park and Bull Falls Park. He is now seeing these folks turning up in Marathon Park causing disturbances.

The Public Intoxication Ordinance passed thru the Council board.

Evidence Technician job has 200 applicants.

The request for 2 additional officers was passed thru the Human Resources Committee, and will now go to the Finance Committee.

Recruitment for new officers will begin shortly.

Motion made by Jorstad, to accept the report given by Chief Hardel, second by Graef. Motion carried 4 -0.

(3) Fire Department Operations

The fire report was given by Fire Chief Buchberger

August saw a large number of fire calls.

Comprehensive study is complete and will be published. They will be meeting with the ESCI this week, then the stakeholders', and then it will go to the Council. Discussion continued as the committee looked over the completed report. The members are impressed with the level the Wausau Fire Department upholds.

EMS protocols and procedures are being updated for rehab procedures at fire scenes.

A risk management group has been working on upgrading the confined space standard operating procedure, to insure the safety protocols are top notch.

Motion made by Jorstad, to accept the report given by Chief Buchberger, second by Bahr. Motion carried 4-0.

(4) Presentation and discussion by Human Resources Director, Michael Loy, pertaining to the adoption of Articles I-VI of the Wausau Police and Fire Commission Policies and Procedures.

Articles 3 and 4 have been reviewed and updated this last year, Articles 1 and 2 pertain to state statutes and meeting rules. Loy explained they committee is being asked to review and approve Article 5 and 6. Article 5 pertains to the appointment process for the Police and Fire Chief, and Article 6 pertains to the procedure for entry level police department hiring and eligibility lists. Loy indicated the second section of Article 6 and Article 7 and 8 will be drafted and reviewed at a future meeting.

(Jorstad exits)

Motion by Bahr to approve Articles 1 thru 6 of the Wausau Police and Fire Commission Policies and Procedures manual, second by Graef. Motion approved 3-0.

(7) Adjourn

The next Police and Fire Commission meeting will be on October 15, 2013.

With no further business, motion by Bahr to adjourn, second by Graef. Motion carried 3-0.
Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Huntimer,
Chair Police and Fire Commission