

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Time and Place: Tuesday, October 15, 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, A. Jacobson, K. Schildt, P. Rentmeester, P. Czapata

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 September 17, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Bahr, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting, second by Jorstad. Motion carried 4-0.

(2) Police Department Operations

The police report was given by Police Chief Hardel.

Increase in car break ins and burglaries could possibly be related to the increase in drug use in the community.

Complaints continue regarding the Yo Chubby Gringo food stand.

Individual(s) are taking the nuts and bolts that attach the railings to area bridges; the safety of the bridges is still intact.

The department joined in on operation "Black Veil" which is a statewide internet crime against children sting and is ran out of Door County. Multiple arrests were made during this sting.

Stephanie Low press release went well, the investigation continues on the case.

400 Block calls have decreased. Chief credits the new ordinances the officers can use to cite people with violations.

The Evidence Technician recruitment continues, Human Resources has narrowed it down to 22 applicants.

The Parking Enforcement position recruitment is down to a final applicant who is going through a back ground check and physical.

All requests have been funded from the Capital Improvements Proposals.

The department's budget request includes an additional four (4) officers. One (1) will be funded thru the Alexander Foundation.

Motion made by Bahr, 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

The pay study is complete and will take effect on January 1, 2014. There will be a new evaluation system that will determine pay increases and that too will start January 1, 2014.

The Capital improvements requests did get submitted. The department should be approved for funding a new fire engine. The new fire station request, however, has been declined for two (2) years or more , and to wait for a SCVA request.

The new ambulance from the Braun Company out of Minnesota is currently being built and should be delivered by the end of the year.

The Fire Department study presentation that was previously cancelled is rescheduled for November 7, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

(4) Unfinished Business from prior meeting(s)

None

(5) New Business

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of interviewing and promoting an individual to Fire Department Engineer. And to interview five (5) individuals creating a list for future promotions to Lieutenant within the Fire Department.

Motion by Bahr, to enter into closed session, second by Graef. Roll call Bahr, Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad. Motion approved 4-0. 9:04 a.m.

Reconvene meeting into open session for the purpose of acting upon the promotion for the Engineer position and to approve the list of five (5) candidates that will create a future list for promotion to Lieutenant within the Fire Department.

Motion by Bahr, to reconvene into open session, second by Graef. Roll call Graef, Bahr, Jorstad, Huntimer. Motion approved 4-0. 10:28 a.m.

Motion by Jorstad to promote Bob Rode to Engineer with the Wausau Fire Department, and to approve Keith Cortright, Gary Lech, Steve Robers, Thomas Hanke, and Jared Thompson, to comprise a list of candidates that may be promoted in the future to Lieutenant within the Fire Department, second by Graef. Motion approved 4-0.

Election of the Vice President of the Police and Fire Commission.

Motion by Jorstad, second by Graef to elect Cheryl Bahr as the Vice President of the Police and Fire Commission. Motion approved 3-0.

Appointment of the Secretary for the Police and Fire Commission

Motion by Jorstad, second by Graef to appoint Michael Loy and the permanent Secretary to the Police and Fire Commission. Motion approved 4-0.

(6) New Business

None

(7) Next meeting – November 19, 2013

(8) Adjourn

With no further business, motion by Bahr to adjourn, second by Graef. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Huntimer
Chair, Police and Fire Commission