

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Thursday, December 05, 2013 at 11:15 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Wausau Public Safety Building, 515 Grand Avenue,
Wausau, WI
Members Present: D. Huntimer (C), C. Bahr, W. Graef, L. Jorstad, T. Patterson
Others Present: B. Bauknecht, T. Bingham, D. DeSantis, J. Finke, D. Flory, S. Habeck, J. Hardel,
M. Herdina, J. Kannenberg, J. Kopp, M. Krueger, G. Lech, M. Loy, W. Olson, C.
Prinz, C. Reetz, P. Rentmeester, D. Sanft, B. Stahl, M. Tautges, M. Walker, C.
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In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin State Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted at Wausau City Hall and the Public Safety Building, and emailed to the Wausau Daily Herald and City Pages in the proper manner.

Communication and Listening Session by the PFC in regards to the Fire Department transition plan, recruitment timeline for the Fire Chief, and to seek input from Fire Department members on priorities, goals and issues going forward that should be considered in selecting a new Fire Chief.

Huntimer spoke to the group on how the decision was made to choose Police Chief Hardel as the interim Fire Chief for the department.

Loy explained the recruitment process of the Fire Chief position to the group, the reasoning for using a consultant to find candidates for the position, and the timeline for hiring a new Fire Chief.

Hardel spoke to the group about what the Fire Department can expect of him as the interim Fire Chief. Hardel will provide administrative oversight to the department and be available to help in any capacity that he is needed.

A round table discussion began by Hardel asking the Fire Department staff present what type of person they would like for a Fire Chief. Discussion and comments occurred regarding Fire Department members input on the type of leader that individual should be and the skills they need to have.