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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building, 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau, WI
Members Present: T. Patterson (C), D. Huntimer, W. Graef, C. Bahr
Member Absent: L. Jorstad
Others Present: J. Hardel, T. Kujawa, M. Hite, J. Tipple, D. Ryder, T. Baeton, J. Kannenberg

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.

Call to Order/Roll Call.

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include a full quorum of all members.

Approval of the minutes of 07/21/15 meeting.

Motion made by Huntimer to approve the minutes of the 07/21/15 meeting. Second by Bahr. Motion passes 4-0.

Fire Department Operations.

- Chief Kujawa spoke about the CIP Requests that the City Common Council recently approved. Out of 7 total requests, 4 were passed. Items not approved were the Rescue Task Force Equipment, Hardware and Software upgrades, Central Station Feasibility Study and Station 2 Refurbishment.
- An update was given on the west side station and its future needs.
- Chief went over all the benefits of Accreditation. The purpose of accreditation is a tool to assess the community's fire and non-fire risk. Support has been given by the Public Health and Safety committee to be pro-active in getting the funding approved as this will be a 2-3 year process.
- An update was provided on the Fire Dept. Operational Budget. It's not going down this year and they bargained for a 2% increase in salaries.
- Chief provided an update on the Ponderosa Motel fire. No lives were lost but twenty-six people were displaced. The Police and Fire Department did an exceptional job.

Motion made by Graef to approve the Fire Department Operations report. Second by Patterson. Motion passes 4-0.

Police Department Operations.

- Chief Hardel briefed the committee on the State Accreditation process which is 3-4 years that the Police Department is going to be going through starting in December, 2015
- A Department Report was provided verbally by Chief Hardel. There are currently 8 open positions with several employees out for several injuries which have been impacting the department's overtime. The department has a large clerical staff deficit.
- An update was provided regarding the revocation of license for "It's our Clubhouse" bar that was discussed at the last Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.
- Chief Hardel spoke about the Recruitment process and current open positions within the Police Department. He recently attended a Chief's conference and brought back a wealth of information on Organizational Culture and he will include that in "The Informer" news publication. Chief

Hardel, Don Ryder and Officer Todd Baeton introduced and spoke about the “Recruitment Video”.

Motion made by Graef to approve the Police Department Operations report. Second by Huntimer. Motion passes 4-0.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – October 20, 2015

Adjourn. Motion made by Bahr to adjourn. Second by Huntimer. Motion passes 4-0.

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