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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Community Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau
Members Present: W. Graef (C), D. Huntimer, L. Jorstad
Member Absent: C. Bahr, T. Patterson
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, J. Hardel, A. Jacobson, J. Klug, 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 Graef, Huntimer, and Jorstad.

Approval of the Minutes of 06/14/2016, 07/11/2016, and 07/19/2016 Meetings. Motion by Jorstad to approve the Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from 06/14/2016, 07/11/2016, and 07/19/2016. Second by Huntimer. All ayes. Motion passes 3-0.

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of consideration Police Department promotion of Police Department personnel to rank of Detective.

Motion by Huntimer to enter into Closed Session. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Commission entered into Closed Session.

Reconvene meeting into **Open Session** for purpose of acting upon consideration of Closed Session item. Motion by Huntimer to reconvene meeting into Open Session. Second by Graef. All ayes. Commission reconvened into Open Session. Motion by Graef to approve the promotion of Police Department personnel to rank of Detective. Second by Huntimer. All ayes. Motion passes 3-0. Promotion will take effect in September.

Police Department Operations.

Activity Report. Hardel provided an overview of calls and cased the department has had the last 30 days. Community Support. Hardel said the department has received much support from the community. The department is going to hold a cook out on the 400 Block in appreciation for community support. The cook out will be paid for by staff.

Command Structure to Include Deputy Chief. Hardel said that in reviewing the structure of the department, he believes that a command structure that includes a Deputy Chief is the best structure for the department. One current Patrol Captain position would become the Deputy Chief position, therefore the number of positions would remain the same. It was discussed that the process for changing the command structure needs to be looked into in and followed in order for the change to be considered.

Motion by Huntimer to approve the Chief's request to change the Police Department command structure to include Deputy Chief. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 3-0

Motion by Huntimer to approve the Police department operations report. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 3-0.

Fire Department Operations.

Activity Report. Klug reviewed the report provided to the commission.

Development and Implementation of the Rescue Task Force. Klug explained that the Police and Fire Departments are training for the Rescue Task Force. The goal is to get EMS to victims sooner.

Update on New Recruit Status. New recruits were sworn in last Friday after completing their 3 weeks of training with the department. They are now on crews in rotation and spend their first month as an extra person.

Briefing on Progression of the Wausau Fire Department Strategy. The process is moving forward and a steering committee will be held at the end of August. The crews are now working on objectives. The process has received great buy-in from staff.

Motion by Huntimer to approve the Fire department operations report. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 3-0.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 20, 2016.

Adjourn. Motion made by Huntimer to adjourn. Second by Jorstad. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

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