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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Community Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau
Members Present: W. Graef (C), C. Bahr, D. Huntimer, L. Jorstad
Member Absent: T. Patterson
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, B. Bliven, J. Kannenberg, T. Kujawa

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, Bahr, Huntimer, and Jorstad.

Approval of the Minutes of the 08/16/16 and 09/20/16 Meetings.

Motion by Bahr to approve the Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from August 16, 2016 and September 20, 2016. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 4-0.

Police Department Operations.

Activity Report. Captain Bliven provided an overview of calls and cased the department has had the last 30 days.

Deputy Chief's Position. The request for the Deputy Chief position was approved by the Human Resources Committee and will now go to the Finance Committee and Common Council for approval.

Grant Positions. Bliven explained that he and Captain Barnes have been working on a grant through VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) that is federal money funneled through the State Department of Justice. The grant written is for a Police Officer position and a Psychotherapist, who would be housed at the Wausau Police Department. The position would provide service to victims of crime (including Police Officers) and the grant would provide funding for 3 years.

Hmong Community Meeting. The Police Department answered questions pertaining to the Dillan Yang case as to how things were handled and why.

Officer Involved Documentary. Bliven talked about a film created by a Police Officer in Georgian who put together a documentary of Police Officers that have been involved in officer involved shootings and the impact the event has had on them. A preview of the documentary will be showed at NTC on November 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Recruitment Update. 22 candidates recently participated in the FTO/Command Staff interview; 9 are moving forward to the background check phase of the recruitment; backgrounds should be completed by the first week in November. The department currently has 3 openings and will have 2 retirements in January.

Bigs In Blue, Big Brothers Big Sisters. The department recently met with Big Brothers Big Sisters about the Bigs In Blue program, which pairs a Police Officer with a student in elementary school to meet once a week during lunch.

Accreditation Process. Bliven said the department is scheduled to have the accreditors at the department in December for 3 days to go through their files and do interviews.

Motion by Jorstad to approve the Police department operations report. Second by Bahr. All ayes. Motion passes 4-0.

Fire Department Operations.

Activity Report. Chief Kujawa reviewed the report provided to the commission; no questions were posed by the commissioners. Kujawa said that, beginning in 2017, she would to change the format of the report that she provides to include more viable information. There was no opposition from the commissioners.

Update on Status of Operational Budget Supplemental Requests. Kujawa submitted an additional request to cover costs of an immunization program, approximately \$8000, explaining that everyone in the department must be immunized against certain things in order to go through trainings offered at medical facilities. Kujawa said that another item they are looking to fund is an additional Firefighter/Paramedic position in the Fire Prevention bureau that is on the organizational chart but hasn't been funded for several years. Kujawa would like the position to be trained as a tank inspector and have the ability to work on the pre-planning program. Kujawa would like to person to be able to fill in on shifts when someone is out.

Introduction of PulsePoint. Kujawa explained that PulsePoint is an app available for smartphones that alerts people of a cardiac arrest within a 4 block radius and also lets users know where the nearest AED is located. Communities that have implemented PulsePoint have seen a greater save rate. Kujawa approached Aspirus to fund the \$18,000 cost to implement the program; they have agreed and will also pay for half of the \$8000 yearly maintenance fee for 5 years. PulsePoint will roll out in February 2017, Heart Month.

Motion by Huntimer to approve the Fire department operations report. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 4-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

No items were mentioned to place on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 16, 2016.

Adjourn. Motion made by Bahr to adjourn. Second by Jorstad. Motion passes 4-0. Meeting adjourned.