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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 13, 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, T. Patterson
Member Absent:
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, J. Hardel, 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, Jorstad, and Patterson.

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

Motion by Jorstad to approve the Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from November 15, 2016. Second by Huntimer. All ayes. Motion passes 5-0.

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of consideration of Police Department candidates for appointment as Deputy Police Chief and Patrol Captain.

Motion by Bahr to enter into Closed Session. Second by Huntimer. Roll call was taken of commissioners present: Graef, Bahr, Huntimer, Jorstad, and Patterson. Meeting entered into Closed Session.

Reconvene meeting into Open Session for purpose of acting upon consideration of Closed Session Items.

Motion by Jorstad to approve the appointment of Benjamin Bliven as Deputy Police Chief and appointment of Todd Baeten as Patrol Captain. Second by Huntimer. All ayes. Motion passes 5-0.

Police Department Operations.

Activity Report. Hardel provided an overview of department activity during the last 30 days including a drug overdose, baby death, and skimming devices on ATM machines.

Recruitment Update. The department will have 7 Police Officer openings by February. Hardel asked the commissioners if they would be available for a special meeting of the Police and Fire Commission to interview conditional offer candidates for the position of Police Officer. It was decided that December 21 would work for the members. The recruitments to fill clerical positions (1 full-time and 2 part-time) are underway. The recruitment for Mental Health Therapist closes on January 1.

Awards Banquet Update. This is in the planning stage. They hope to have the banquet on March 1st at the Jefferson Street Inn and are going to try to get sponsorship from businesses.

Bigs In Blue Program. Hardel said this program was created for officers to go to a school every week to spend time with a child.

Accreditation Update. The department had an onsite visit last week and they have 11 items to correct, but otherwise it went very well.

Carryover Funds: Funds have been carried over from 2016 for the purchase of equipment in 2017.

Academy Graduation. Graduation to be held on December 16th at 3:00 p.m. at NTC.

Motion by Bahr to approve the Police department operations report. Second by Jorstad. All ayes. Motion passes 5-0.

Fire Department Operations.

Activity Report. Kujawa mentioned fire incidents at the Landmark and on Townline Road.

Implementation of Handtevy Pediatric System. The department has submitted a grant for the system but does not know if they will receive it yet. If the department receives the grant for the system it will help treat pediatric patients more efficiently.

Merit Award Presented for Actions Taken by Bystanders. 3 people that assisted by starting CPR on victims of a car fire on October 31st will be honored at the evening Council meeting.

Motion by Bahr to approve the Fire department operations report. Second by Huntimer. All ayes.
Motion passes 5-0.

Future Agenda Items.

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

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 17th.

Adjourn. Motion made by Huntimer to adjourn. Second by Jorstad. Motion passes 5-0.
Meeting adjourned.

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