

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.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, HR Vanderboom, D. Ryder, A. Lund, D. Bertram, N. Pekarske, N. Walters

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 6:20 p.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad, and Bahr.

Listening Sessions for WPD regarding hiring a replacement Chief.

Don Ryder acted as facilitator for the meeting.

Discussion on Culture of WPD:

- Feels like a family
- Recruitment video lives up to itself; fun place to work, everyone gets along
- Mission and duty orientated

Discussion on Leadership at WPD:

- Needs to be empathetic and caring
- Dedicated to department and community

Discussion on Successfulness of Chief:

- Needs to be able to wear multiple hats
- Good character within WPD and community

Discussion on Weaknesses or Challenges:

- Additional staffing would be beneficial
- New CAD system would be nice
- DPW isn't always the most dependable to fix cars in a timely matter
- Would like to hire internal candidate

Adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Huntimer to adjourn, second by Commissioner Bahr.
Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.