

## **POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Community Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Avenue, Wausau  
Members Present: W. Graef (C), D. Huntimer, T. Patterson, C. Bahr, L. Jorstad  
Member Absent:  
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, J. Hardel, B. Bliven, T. Kujawa, Lund.

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 8:34 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Graef, Huntimer, Jorstad, Bahr and Patterson.

### **Minutes of November 21, 2017 meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Huntimer to accept the minutes of November 21, 2017, second by Commissioner Bahr.

### **Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Fire Lieutenant position, one candidate for Police Lieutenant position, and one candidate for Police Detective position.**

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c) of the WI State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the positions, second by Commissioner Huntimer.

Roll call vote 5-0. Commission went into closed session at 8:37.

### **Reconvene meeting into Open Session for the purpose of acting upon consideration of Closed Session item.**

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to reconvene meeting into Open Session for the purpose of acting upon consideration of closed session item, second by Commissioner Patterson.

Roll call vote 5-0. Commission went back into open session at 9:50.

Motion by Commissioner Jorstad to approve candidate Michael Becker for the Fire Lieutenant position, Max LaPorte for the Police Detective position, and Nathan Pauls for the Police Lieutenant position, second by Commissioner Bahr.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.**

Chief Hardel gave an update on the major cases, including a shooting at Roc's Place, and 3 guns being recovered from a burglary.

Chief Hardel informed the Commissioners that \$30,000 was raised for the fundraising efforts for National Police Week. Everyone was encouraged to watch the Facebook video regarding the fundraising efforts.

March 12, 2018 will be the Awards Banquet at the Jefferson Street Inn.

Chief Hardel and Deputy Chief Bliven gave an update on the new Chief transition. Deputy Chief Bliven is meeting with Department Heads/Supervision, City Officials, and he will also be attending New Chief Training the third week of January. They plan to work very closely once the holidays and vacations are over.

Deputy Chief Bliven informed us of the new wellness program has been established and is underway; about 40 employees are getting involved.

WPD signed a contract with Axon to have all the video servers together in one spot versus multiple systems.

The meeting for January is cancelled due to schedule conflicts. There will be a Christmas Social at Angelo's Pizzeria on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 5:00. The next meeting will be February 15, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Police Department given by Chief Hardel, second by Commissioner Huntimer. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Monthly Presentation of Fire Department Operations.**

Chief Kujawa asked the Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the monthly report; there were no questions.

Chief Kujawa gave an update on the warehouse fire. Many other departments helped and 60% of the building was saved. The fire was in the attic space and took 36 hours to extinguish. There were no injuries and no broken equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Fire Department given by Chief Kujawa, second by Commissioner Huntimer.  
Motion carried 5-0.

### **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Commissioner Patterson to adjourn, second by Commissioner Huntimer.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.