

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Thursday February 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: PD Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: W. Graef (C), D. Huntimer, C. Bahr
Member Absent: L. Jorstad, T. Patterson
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, J. Hardel, T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, & 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 8:35 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Graef, Huntimer, and 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 with WFD, one candidate for Police Officer, one candidate for Patrol Lieutenant, one candidate for Detective Captain, and one candidate for Deputy Chief position with WPD.

Motion by Commissioner Huntimer to go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c) of the WI State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Fire Lieutenant position with WFD, one candidate for Police Officer, one candidate for Patrol Lieutenant, one candidate for Detective Captain, and one candidate for Deputy Chief position with WPD, second by Commissioner Bahr.

Roll call vote 3-0. Commission went into closed session at 8:36 a.m.

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 Huntimer.

Roll call vote 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Huntimer to approve candidate Quinn Ambrosius for the Fire Lieutenant position with WFD, Aaron Karlen as Police Officer, John Phillips as Patrol Lieutenant, Benjamin Graham as Detective Captain, and Matthew Barnes as Deputy Chief position with WPD, second by Commissioner Bahr.

Motion carried 3-0 with a unanimous voice vote.

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.

Deputy Chief Bliven gave an update on the major cases, including possible homicide charges for the father of a 15 year old who passed away, possible 1st degree attempted homicide, pursuit in a car chase in the city, an incident with a gun at Lamb's Market, looking into seizing a house on Cleveland Stree, and Officer Gaiche raising money to buy a new recliner for a veteran.

Deputy Chief Bliven informed the Commissioners that \$115,000 was raised for the fundraising efforts for National Police Week. There are 110 people going from our area and they are in the process of finalizing flights for those involved.

WPD received an Exceptional Support Award from the Everest Metro Police Department.

March 12, 2018 will be the Awards Banquet at the Jefferson Street Inn. The Commissioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

Deputy Chief Bliven made the commissioners aware of some budget modifications that needed to take place.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Police Department given by Chief Hardel and Deputy Chief Bliven, second by Commissioner Huntimer. Motion carried 3-0.

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 about the Wausau East shed fire and commented that the Wausau Fire Department and the Wausau Police Department worked great together to find the arsonists.

WFD is currently going through some Leadership training. There are three sessions for every crew and three sessions for management staff.

Chief Kujawa applied for an Assistant Firefighter Grant to be able to purchase a personal protective dryer, four gas meters, and first responder software.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Fire Department given by Chief Kujawa, second by Commissioner Huntimer.
Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Huntimer to adjourn, second by Commissioner Bahr.
Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.