

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: T. Patterson (C), W. Graef, M. Loy
Member Absent: C. Bahr
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, T. Kujawa, M. Barnes, D. Ryder, & T. Daigle.

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 8:32 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Patterson, Graef & Loy.

Minutes of May 23, 2018 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Loy to accept minutes of May 23, second by Commissioner Graef.

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Police Officer with WPD.

Motion by Commissioner Graef 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 Police Officer with WPD, second by Commissioner Loy.

Roll call vote 3-0. Commission went into closed session at 8:33 a.m.

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

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

Roll call vote 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Graef to approve candidate Kylie Abel for the Police Officer position with WPD, second by Commissioner Loy.

Motion carried 3-0 with a unanimous voice vote.

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.

Deputy Chief Barnes spoke about the Tasers that are currently being used and the fact they are 10 years old and need service. It would cost approximately \$15,000 - \$16,000 per year, for 52 new Tasers.

Deputy Chief Barnes informed the Commissioners that WPD is in the process of doing background investigations for police officers, as currently there are three open positions, and that may increase to six or seven by the end of the year because of retirements. There is a constant

application process available for hiring police officers, and WPD is also going out to recruit in other areas.

WPD is moving forward with Superior. This will include all of Marathon County and we're looking at the end of the year transition. Lt. Buckner is heading up this program.

The Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant now needs to be applied for every three years. These are Federal monies that WPD applies for after filling out a week's worth of data in order to receive the money.

Deputy Chief Barnes made the commissioners aware that WPD is currently looking into some fundraising to get another therapy dog. We hope to work with I K-9 which is located in Alabama and get another therapy dog that will work with Officer Schremp at Wausau West.

Detective Captain Graham and Deputy Chief Barnes attended a week of training in Madison for officer involved death investigation.

Motion by Commissioner Loy to approve the monthly presentation of the Police Department given by Deputy Chief Barnes, second by Commissioner Graef. Motion carried 3-0.

Monthly Presentation of Fire Department Operations.

Chief Kujawa gave the Commissioners information on the EMS software that was provided by the state. They have the opportunity to purchase fire software that will work with the EMS software to better serve the department.

Chief Kujawa gave an update on the Station 2 Building. They will be moving forward in the fall with the approximate cost of \$4.5 million. Estimated finish date will be July 2019. There will be an entry way with office space and a conference/training room.

The conferencing systems in all three stations are now up and functioning.

Chief Kujawa apologized for not getting the training officer job description to the Commissioners before the meeting. This is going to be a training officer appointment, a person who reports to duty and their primary role is training employees in all aspects. Chief Kujawa will have a job description put together soon.

Division Chief Scott Habeck came in to speak about the Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Recognition Award – they have gotten this award the last 5 years. This award is with the American Heart Association, and deals with patients with cardiac events related to heart attacks.

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

Mayor Mielke advised the Commissioners that he will not be attending the July meeting. Also there will be a new member starting in July, Kathy Strasser. The WFD will also have two new hires. Next meeting will be July 17th.

Adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Graef to adjourn, second by Commissioner Loy.
Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.