

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: T. Patterson (C), M. Loy, & C. Bahr
Member Absent: W. Graef, K. Strasser
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, D. Ryder, & A. 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 Patterson, Bahr, & Loy.

Minutes of July 17, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to accept minutes of July 17th, second by Commissioner Loy.

Plaque Presentation.

Mayor Mielke presented Laurin Jorstad with a plaque for his 25 years of service with the P&FC.

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 Bahr 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 Patterson.

Roll call vote 3-0. Commission went into closed session at 8:42 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 Loy.

Roll call vote 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Loy to approve candidate Erick Guzman for the Police Officer position with WPD, second by Commissioner Bahr.

Motion carried 3-0 with a unanimous voice vote.

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 Station 2. They are hoping for \$4.5 million approval from the council and planning commission. They hope to be able to break ground this fall and have completion by August next year.

WFD has posted the EMS Division Chief's Position. They have done phone interviews and are conducting interviews on Tuesday of next week. They also have an opening for Deputy Chief and hope to have that posted in September along with Firefighter/Medic positions.

Shahn Kariger and Brian Stahl have been selected to go to the National Fire Academy in Maryland. Both men were accepted into their juvenile fire setter program, and Shahn was also accepted into the arson investigation program.

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

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.

Chief Bliven shared information on the dispatch operations and how they are currently looking at updating the system. Studies were done in 2007 and again in 2017 which determined the need for additional channels and dispatch operators.

A Marathon County Diversity Affairs Commission Meeting was held last week in regards to hate crimes statues and the lack of use in our County.

The WPD is requesting \$150,000 for the 2019 Budget. This will be divided up between monies to DPW for the miles pool, body cameras, joint digital forensics lab, Detective Bureau, and up-keep on Tasers.

Superion is the new Records Management System that we will be using starting in November. Some detectives and record staff have had some training and it seems to be more effective, and will run more smoothly.

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

Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.