

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: T. Patterson (C), W. Graef, K. Strasser, & C. Bahr
Member Absent: M. Loy
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, M. Barnes, D. Ryder, J. Kindlarski, J. Phillips, S. Kahan with parents, & 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 8:33 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Patterson, Bahr, Graef, & Strasser.

Minutes of August 21, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Graef to accept minutes of August 21, second by Commissioner Bahr.

Recognitions

Chief Bliven presented Shane Kahan with a certificate for his 210 volunteer hours spent as an Eagle Scout updating the WPD range.

Mayor Mielke presented WPD with an award from the Hmong American Center for their dedication and positive image presented to the Wausau Community for planning and execution of security details at the Hmong Sports Festival.

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.

No closed session was conducted.

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.

Deputy Chief Barnes gave an update on recruitment. WPD anticipates having four open positions at the end of the year, and they would also like to fill the forthcoming Lieutenant position as Lt. Dachel will be retiring at the end of the year. They would like to fill his position before his last day, so they can have his replacement train along with him.

Chief Bliven went over the survey that had been sent out to employees. The results were great. Chief and Deputy Chief would like to meet individually with all employees over the next few months.

Chief Bliven updated the Commissioners on the new diversion program that the WPD, Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office are considering. This would consist of two separate programs: 1) deferred prosecution agreement, which would issue a criminal charge and show up on CCAP, or 2) deferred entry of judgement, which would not issue a criminal charge or show up on CCAP. Minor misdemeanors would be a referral.

The Chaplaincy Program at the PD is looking to add 6-10 Chaplains. They will be conducting interviews next week to fill these positions. They will receive training in October through the Department of Justice.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Police Department given by Chief Bliven, second by Commissioner Graef. Motion carried 4-0.

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 informed the Commissioners of the WFD+ME. This is a spousal support group that does fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for their quarterly newsletter and to host events such as picnics and Father's Day pancake breakfasts to support both the members of the Wausau Fire Department as well as retirees. The newsletter is sent to all current employees and retirees and highlights Department activities and includes articles of interest.

WFD raises money for Muscular Dystrophy Association by participating in "fill a boot" at the 400 Block, Balloon Fest, Blues Fest, and Tomahawk Fall Ride. To date they have raised about \$18,000 and will be one of the top MDA fundraisers in the State.

Chief Kujawa gave an update on the budget, she met with Mayor Mielke and Director Mary Ann Groat and they supported the budget she presented. In addition she has supplemental requests which consist of lithium batteries, Lexipol, which is a policy management company, and a training officer position.

Chief Kujawa gave a handout to Commissioners with the rendering of the new Fire Station 2. City Council has approved the station on the west side. They anticipate breaking ground next spring. They are still working out a few glitches with the DOT.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Fire Department given by Chief Kujawa, second by Commissioner Strasser. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.