

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday October 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Community Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: Tony Patterson (C), M. Loy, William Graef, Kathy Strasser
Member Absent: C. Bahr,
Others Present: Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, M. Barnes, D. Ryder, C. Robinson & 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 8:31 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Patterson, Graef, Strasser, and Loy.

Minutes of September 18, 2018 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Graef to accept minutes of September 18, second by Commissioner Strasser.

Chuck Robinson came to present his wish for a Senior Citizen Center to take over the space in the Fire Station #2 when it's vacated.

Monthly Presentation of Fire Department Operations

Chief Kujawa asked if there were any questions regarding the Monthly Activity Report and there were none. She updated the Commissioners on two cases where the individuals are doing remarkably well after being helped by Wausau Firefighters/Paramedics.

Chief Kujawa applied for Assistance to Firefighters Grant and will be requesting cardiac monitors.

The DNR Grant was also approved and will allow everyone to have dual purpose gear.

The Wausau Fire Department has a change in the method for hiring Firefighter/Paramedics. They will no longer be using the Chippewa Valley Technical College, they will be using the same process and exam, but this will allow them to do it in a timelier manner.

On November 10th the WFD will be hosting Wills for Heroes. This gives their employees the opportunity to do estate planning for free. Area attorneys donate their time for this great cause.

Motion by Commissioner Graef to approve the monthly presentation of the Fire Department given by Chief Kujawa, second by Commissioner Strasser.

Motion carried 4-0.

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations

Chief Bliven and Deputy Chief Barnes updated the Commissioners on the International Association Chief of Police conference they attended. They brought some fresh new ideas back with them that they plan to implement at some point. Two ideas they spoke about were having a spousal support group, and the possibility of having a psychologist here for the officers on a weekly basis.

They would also like to implement the Guardian Tracking which is a software that allows supervisors to input information on employees throughout the year, which would help with the review process for every employee.

Chief Bliven shared information about Dragon Naturally Speaking, which is software that allows speech to text. This would allow officers to speak their report and it types it out for them, which would free up more time to have the officers out on the streets.

Update was given to the Commissioners on the Impact Group regarding sex stings.

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

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.