

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau
Members Present: M. Loy, K. Strasser, & C. Bahr
Member Absent: T. Patterson, W Graef
Others Present: T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, Mayor Mielke, HR Vanderboom, A. Jacobson, & 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 8:04 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Strasser, Bahr, & Loy.

Seven employees of Wausau Fire Department were recognized by the Commissioners with Core Value Awards. This award is presented to those individuals who demonstrate a profound example of the Department's defined core values through actions and behaviors. On March 24, 2018, they delivered Gavyn who was born prematurely, in a footling breech presentation and was not breathing and did not have a pulse at birth. Although the circumstances of this response were extremely difficult, highly infrequent and tremendously stressful, this team was able to successfully resuscitate Gavyn and care for Lindsey, Gavyn's mother, with the utmost professionalism, respect and compassion. Gavyn and his parents were also present.

Minutes of February 19, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to accept the minutes of February 19, second by Commissioner Strasser.

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Deputy Chief and one candidate for EMS Division Chief with Wausau Fire Department.

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 Strasser. Roll call vote 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve candidate Robert Barteck for Deputy Chief and Jared Thompson for EMS Division Chief with WFD, second by Commissioner Strasser.

Motion carried 3-0.

General Agenda Items:

Bill Graef was appointed as Vice Chairman.

Michael Loy was appointed as Secretary.

The P&FC Manual Article 2 was discussed at this meeting and adopted. Anne Jacobson presented the Commission with different ideas for agendas that are currently being used by other departments. The Order of Business will include Call to Order, Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting, New Business, Police Department Report, Fire Department Report, Set Next Meeting Date and Location, and Adjournment.

The P&FC Award – Service of Excellence will be adopted and given to individuals that go above and beyond their duties.

Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.

Chief Bliven informed the commission that he presented at the New Chief's training in Madison in January. The training is coordinated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice on an annual basis to bring all the new police chiefs in Wisconsin together for basic Chief's training. Chief Bliven was asked to present on the topic of police recruitment, hiring and reciprocity.

In August, Chief Bliven will be giving a presentation on our therapy dog program at the WI Chief's Conference.

In-Service was completed with the WPD staff. Some of the topics were: employee wellness, unconscious bias, addiction updates, evidence updates and defense and arrest tactics.

Monthly Presentation of Fire Department Operations.

Chief Kujawa asked the Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the monthly report: there were none.

The WFD received a Hazmat Meter Grant in the amount of \$167,000.

Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.