

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021

Attendance: Deborah Rice, Council Liaison Kathy Kopp, Frank King, Tim Boldt, Mike Dalecki, Vikki Peterson, Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler, Police Lieutenant Josh Grabandt, Chief of Police Doug McKinley

- The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Dalecki
- The meeting minutes from May 4, 2021 were unanimously approved (motion by Boldt, 2nd by Rice)
- There were no citizen comments or observations

I. Fire Department Update: Membership Update

- Our volunteer membership is currently at 49 and we are in the process of interviewing and reviewing 2 more individuals who have submitted applications to join as volunteers. We also have 1 additional individual who has shown interest but not committed as of yet.

II. Reports of Significant Service Calls

- We have had 114 calls to date for the year compared to 79 for the same time in 2020. Calls are still 35 more calls over 2020 volume YTD.

III. Information Updates

- Still working on updating Chapter 24 Fire Prevention ordinances as well as the governance and oversight structure of the fire department. Initial draft is ready to have Joe Carroll and then Planning Commission to begin reviewing. PFC will also have the opportunity to see the ordinance changes as we move through the process.
- Grants – The FD has received some grants and donations recently to assist with some equipment funding projects.
 - We received donations from United Cooperative (\$2000), UWP Collegiate Farm Bureau (\$512) and Platteville Community Fund COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund (\$3000) to be used towards the purchase of grain bin rescue equipment.
 - We received a \$1000 donation from Alliant Energy to use towards purchasing of (6) High Voltage AC Detector meters called Hotsticks. These allow us to detect if powerlines are energized from a safe distance.
 - We also received \$2500 from the Platteville Community Fund Spring 2021 Grant Program to be used to purchase rehab equipment. This includes easy up tents, misting fan, and heavy weight bag chairs used for firefighters to take a break during long, exerting incidents. The tents and chairs can be used during hot and cold weather.
- Continue to attend weekly meetings with City EOC key staff to plan and adapt to the still changing environment and mandates in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IV. Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- Police Department Update: Currently there are no Police Officer applicants remaining in the hiring pool and there are two vacancies to fill.

- The Commission unanimously went into closed session at 5:25 p.m. per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c)- Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (motion by Peterson, 2nd by King). The motion allowed Council Liaison Kopp, Lt. Droessler, Lt. Grabandt, and Chief McKinley to remain during the closed session. Specifically, the Commission went into closed session to consider the probationary status of a Police Lieutenant and a Police Officer and to conduct interviews with Police Officer applicants.
- Discussion of the probationary status of a Police Lieutenant and a Police Officer.
- Three Police Officer applicant interviews were conducted. Please note-Council Liaison Kopp left the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m. for another commitment.
- The PFC returned to open session at 7:16 p.m.
- The PFC unanimously established a Police Officer eligibility pool consisting of Jeremy Tyler and Alex Royse (motion by King, 2nd by Boldt). Jeremy Tyler is required to obtain his Associate's Degree during his probationary period (18 months from date of hire) if he is hired as a Police Officer
- The PFC unanimously passed a motion stating that Andrea Droessler has successfully completed her probationary period as a Police Lieutenant (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Boldt).
- The PFC unanimously passed a motion stating that Ethan Glendenning has successfully completed his probationary period as a Police Officer (motion by Rice, 2nd by King).
- The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Please note the PFC meeting took place in the City Hall Common Council Chambers so the Police Officer applicant interviews could be conducted in person and observe social distancing guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKinley
Chief of Police