

Police and Fire Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2022

Attendance: Deborah Rice, Frank King, Mike Dalecki, Council Liaison Kathy Kopp, City Manager Adam Ruechel, Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Chief of Police Doug McKinley Absent: Tim Boldt, Vikki Peterson

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Dalecki
- The meeting minutes from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Rice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King).
- There were no citizen comments or observations.
- Fire Department Update:

I. Membership Update

- There has been no change to our membership since our last meeting.

II. Reports of Significant Service Calls

- The fire department responded to 14 incidents in February. FD response summary is as follows:

Fires.....	1
Vehicle Crashes.....	2
Gas Odor/CO Alarms.....	3
Alarm System Activation.....	6
EMS Lift Assist.....	2

III. Information Updates

- Radio System Preventative Maintenance – Racom has replaced worn out and damaged equipment with the antenna system on the City’s radio system. We are hopeful this will give some improvement to the radio system but will not know how much the faulty parts were having in radio reception until we have had time to see how the repairs affect the radio reception issues. This is not a permanent solution to the problems, so we continue to work with the radio vendors and Grant Co. Sheriff to work towards a permanent solution.
- RFP for Professional Design Services for Fire Station – Chief Simmons worked with City Manager Ruechel and other department heads to review and develop an RFP for Professional Design Services for a fire station. City Manager Ruechel created the draft document and then shared the document for review to create a final version that was approved by the Common Council on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for dissemination.
- Prescribed Vegetation Management Burn Permit – Initial permit form and procedure to reflect updated regulation allowing prescribed vegetation management burns within city limits has been developed. Working with City Clerk to get permit and procedure documents onto the City’s website. We anticipate a few permit requests will be submitted in the spring.

IV. Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.

- Police Department Update: Ian Shulte started on 2/28 as a Telecommunicator, he is a former Marine and he has a background in private security; Community Resource Officer Josh Stowe is back on duty after his deployment with the Marine Corps: we are currently running a hiring process with applications being accepted until 3/18, testing and internal interviews will be held on 3/26 and PFC interviews will be held on 4/5; currently we have one person remaining in the applicant pool and we conducting a background investigation to determine if they will be hired; the SWTC LE Academy starts on 7/11 and we would like to send one and possibly a second new hire through this academy; the Criminal Justice Information System audit has been completed and returned to the State, this audit ensures compliance with State mandated computer security requirements and it must be completed every 3 years; the PD will be participating in the UW-P Criminal Justice Association's annual career day on 3/8
- There was a discussion about the Joint Fire Station fundraising committee. Deborah Rice volunteered to be on the committee.
- The Commission voted unanimously to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. per Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(c)-Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises authority (motion by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rice). Specifically, the Commission considered the probationary status of a Police Sergeant.
- The Commission returned to open session at 5:33 p.m.
- A motion stating that Police Sergeant Paul Rehlinger has successfully completed his probationary period with the Platteville PD was passed unanimously (motion by Rice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King).
- The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug McKinley  
Chief of Police