

Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

Attendance: Tim Boldt, Vikki Peterson, Nathan Manwiller, Jason Thompson, Council Liaison Kathy Kopp, Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Chief of Police Doug McKinley; Absent-Will LeSuer

- The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Boldt
- The meeting minutes from the November 7, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Thompson, 2nd by Manwiller).
- There were no citizen comments or observations.
- Fire Department Update:

Membership Update

- Our roster is currently 50 volunteers, which is the same as last month. We had a local resident who stopped by last evening who recently moved from Boscobel to Platteville that was a volunteer firefighter there and wanted to gather information about joining our department.

Reports of Significant Service Calls

- The fire department responded to 13 incidents in November. FD response summary for November is as follows:

October 2023

Fires	1
Vehicle Crashes.....	3
Gas Odor/CO Alarms	2
Alarm System Activation	4
EMS Lift Assist	1
Other.....	2

- Year to date the fire department has responded to 175 calls for service. The department responded to a total of 221 calls for all of 2022.

Information Updates

- Fire Station Project Update – We continue to work with our architect to finalize the schematic design. They anticipate it being completed in the next couple of weeks. Upon the schematic design being completed, Kraemer Brothers will give an updated schematic estimate of cost. If within the approved budget, we will move onto the design document phase which is where the true building design happens.

We are also working on acquiring the Peterson property, OE Gray salvage options, OE Gray & Peterson property buildings demolition options, and any early bid packages that will need to happen for items with long lead times and an early footings and foundation bid package if possible.

Lastly, the fundraising committee has begun working towards their goal of raising funds for the project. They have received a \$100,000 donation, \$50,000 donation and at least 5 other \$5,000 donations within the first few weeks of the campaign. They are preparing to begin reaching out to community members for potential donations and have an initial list of approximately 700 individuals they will be contacting.

- Radio Repeater Update – This is still in progress, the antenna and cable have been installed but after installation, they discovered that there is a bad connector on the cable that connects to the antenna and needs to be replaced. This is scheduled for later this month with a new switchover date in mid to late January.
- 2024-2028 CIP Planning & 2024 Operating Budget – The 2024 operating budget and Capital Improvement budget have been approved for 2024. The two main capital projects we have for 2024 are additional funds toward replacing/upgrading our portable radios and replacing/upgrading our extrication equipment.

Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- **Police Department Update:**
Brendan Overbey is progressing well during phase I and II of his field training, the switch-over to the new radio consoles occurred on Dec. 5th, this will ultimately achieve redundancy between the Grant Co. Dispatch Center and the Platteville PD Dispatch Center, the project is encountering some difficulties with the transition; the PD's radio repeater project is on hold due to complications with the overall Grant Co. radio tower project and the acquisition of tower sites; the City camera project is progressing at 3 intersections with operational LPR cameras anticipated soon; the PD assisted with pedestrian safety at Katie's Garden for holiday festivities; work is commencing on the staff evaluations.
- The Commission went into closed session on a unanimous vote (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Thompson). The motion allowed Council Liaison Kopp and Chief of Police McKinley to remain during the closed session. The Commission went into closed session at 5:20 p.m. per Wisconsin Statutes 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. Specifically the Commission heard information related to the probationary status of a police officer.
- The Commission returned to open session at 5:24 p.m.
- The Commission unanimously passed a motion stating that Officer Larissa Klemm has successfully completed her probationary period with the Platteville Police Department (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Manwiller).
- The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. (motion by Manwiller, 2nd by Peterson)

Submitted by
Doug McKinley-Chief of Police