

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024

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

- The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Boldt
- The meeting minutes from the Jan. 2nd regular meeting of the PFC were unanimously approved (motion by Manwiller, 2nd by Peterson)
- There were no citizen comments or observations
- Fire Department Update:

I. Membership Update

- Our roster is currently 48 volunteers, we had 2 volunteers resign last month. One resigned for personal reasons and the other resigned as they only made 5 calls and 1 meeting last year so the member realized they did not have the time to volunteer.

II. Reports of Significant Service Calls

- The fire department responded to 17 incidents in January. FD response summary for January is as follows:

<u>December 2023</u>	
Fires.....	4
Vehicle Crashes	5
Gas Odor/CO Alarms.....	2
Alarm System Activation.....	6
EMS Lift Assist	0
Other	0

III. Information Updates

- Fire Station Project Update – We meet with the design team and construction manager on Wednesday to review the new Schematic Design and get the new project cost estimate. We will see if the project is within the approved budget or if we will need to find savings to move forward.
- Radio Repeater Update – We are working with our radio vendor to schedule the installation of our new repeater in the coming weeks.
- SCBA & Breathing Air Compressor Bids Update – The common council is scheduled to award the bids for our new SCBAs and Breathing Air Compressor on February 13, 2024. We are looking forward to updating these mission critical pieces of equipment as our current air packs are nearing 20 years old and we have begun experiencing more frequent issues with our current air packs.
- Kevin Reed Update – Mr. Reed continues to attend common council meetings and speak during the citizen’s comments time about concerns he has with the fire department from 30 years ago. Mr. Reed’s concerns were addressed in the late 1990s and early 2000s by the City Manager, The Common Council, and the Police & Fire Commission. City Manager Langreck continues to work with Mr. Reed and provide anything he requests under open records law and is working with the

City's legal counsel to address Mr. Reed's concerns.

IV. Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- Police Department Update:
 - Ofc. Brendan Overbey has completed his field training and he is now working in a solo capacity
 - Two training days were held in January for the sworn officers of the PD. Topics included a CPR refresher and a walking tour of new/remodeled buildings on the UW-P campus
 - A department meeting is scheduled for Feb. 21st at 0730 in the PD's training room. Staff members will be recognized for standout actions in 2023
 - The PD is close to resolving generator issues which have been ongoing since early January.
 - The PD's Animal Control budget is due to be exhausted in early 2024. The Humane Society is being contacted to help come up with solutions for the issue.
 - The PD's 2023 annual report will be released shortly after the department meeting in February.
 - The PD now has overview cameras at 2 major intersections along with LPR cameras. A 3rd intersection is planned to have cameras early this spring. The PD has already seen the cameras assist with 2 investigations.
- Lt. Grabandt then gave a presentation on the 2023 Use of Force statistics for the Platteville PD. A copy of the materials he handed out is included with the PFC packet.
- Chief McKinley advised the Commission we will be selecting interview questions at the March PFC meeting. The questions will be used by the PFC during the upcoming sergeant promotion process.
- Tentatively, the sergeant interviews will take place during the April 2nd PFC meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Thompson)

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKinley
Chief of Police