

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024

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

- The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.
- The meeting minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Manwiller).
- Citizen Comments and Observations: Council Liaison Kopp commended the Fire Department on their efforts to battle a garage fire on Waite Ln and to save the nearby house from burning as well.
- Fire Department Update: President Boldt read the update from information supplied by Fire Chief Simmons via email prior to the meeting.

Membership Update

- Our roster is currently 48 volunteers, but we did have two new individuals who have inquired about information on becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Reports of Significant Service Calls

- The fire department responded to 8 incidents in February. FD response summary for February is as follows:

<u>December 2023</u>	
Fires	4
Vehicle Crashes.....	1
Gas Odor/CO Alarms	0
Alarm System Activation	3
EMS Lift Assist	0
Other.....	0

Information Updates

- Fire Station Project Update – The schematic design and schematic budget have been received and reviewed. The project is within the \$14.5M allowable cost from the Common Council and has been approved by City Manager Langreck to move into the Design Development phase of the project.
- Radio Repeater Update – Our new radio repeater has been installed and is online at this time. The new repeater is located on the new Grant County Radio System tower located by the Grant County Highway shop on County D. Everything appears to be working as expected.
- SCBA & Breathing Air Compressor Bids Update – The common council awarded the bids for our new SCBAs and Breathing Air Compressor on February 13, 2024. We have already received the breathing air compressor and new air packs as the vendor had the items on-hand in their warehouse. We are scheduled to begin training and familiarization on the new air packs on March 11th. We are working to schedule the installation of our new breathing air

compressor in the next several weeks.

- 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. Kevin continues to attend common council meetings and speak during citizen's comments.

Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- Police Department Update:
 - The PD's 2023 annual report has been completed and released to the public
 - A recent search warrant was executed on Lancaster St. by the Richland-Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force and members of the Platteville PD. 3 males were taken into custody and a handgun and approximately ¾ of a pound of suspected methamphetamine were seized.
 - Training was recently held on a new restraint device called the Wrap. It is designed to immobilize a combative individual and not restrict breathing.
 - A recent department meeting was held and awards were presented to PD employees for their outstanding performances in 2023.
 - The PD's annual food drive (Stuff the Cruiser) will be held on May 22nd at Piggly Wiggly from 3-7 pm.
 - An open house event will be held on May 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Tours of the PD will be held and officers will be on hand to answer questions and to demonstrate law enforcement equipment and procedures.
 - Overview cameras and license plate reading cameras have been placed at the intersection of Bus. Hwy 151 and Enterprise Dr.
 - Investigation continues on the robbery which took place at Alexandra's Mexican store. This is believed to be related to a similar incident which occurred in Monroe recently.

We are still waiting on the installation of the Police radio repeater on the Grant Co. radio tower on Cty Hwy D south of the city

- The Commission went into closed session at 5:25 pm on a unanimous vote (motion by Thompson, 2nd by Peterson) 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. The motion allowed Council Liaison Kopp and Chief McKinley to stay during the closed session.
 - The PFC selected questions for the upcoming Sergeant promotion process
- The PFC returned to open session at 5:45 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm (motion by Peterson, 2nd by Manwiller).

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKinley

Chief of Police