



Police and Fire Commission

City of Stevens Point
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David Schleih, President
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August 4, 2015
4:01 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call:** Commissioners Carlson, Kirschling, Ostrowski, Schleih and Wescott

Also

Present: Interim Chief Martin Skibba, Chief Bob Finn, Alderperson Tony Patton, Mayor Mike Wiza, City Attorney Beveridge, Chris Mueller – Stevens Point Journal, Lee Ann Spoon

- 2. People to be heard and announcements**

None.

- 3. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4:00 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(e) [deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session] for discussion on the following:**
 - a. Update on ambulance contract negotiations with Portage County.**

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

- 4. Reconvene into open session (approximately 4:15 p.m.) for possible action.**

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to reconvene into open session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

- 5. Election of Commission officers**

Commissioner Schleih tendered his written resignation to Mayor Wiza effective August 5th. Commissioner Schleih reported that serving the citizens and guiding the public safety operations of the city have been a very rewarding experience. He is proud of the people who work for the police and fire departments and the outstanding level of service the departments provide to the people of Stevens Point and Portage County.

Mayor Wiza thanked Dave for his service and said he intends to have a new commissioner for appointment at the August Common Council meeting.

On behalf of the commission Gary Wescott thanked Dave for his 12 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to nominate Gary Wescott as commission president.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Update on Police Chief Recruitment process

All ads have now been placed. The deadline to receive completed applications is September 4. To date, there are four applicants.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes
- b. Monthly Bills
- c. Fire Chief Finn reported:
 - The SPFD did tent inspections prior to the start of Riverfront Rendezvous. During the event, we staffed a public education tent handing out Fire and EMS materials; participated in the 4th of July parade; participated in the Portage County Emergency Vehicle Display; provided paramedic services each day; and worked with the fireworks vendor to make sure that the fireworks show was a success.
 - Three new probationary Firefighter/Paramedics started with the department. Each probationary Firefighter/Paramedic worked one week on days and then were placed on shift. They are all in training with their respective crews. If the training progresses as planned, they will count as manpower around September 1st.
 - The final class schedule has been approved for the Emergency Services Citizens Academy, which includes the Stevens Point Police Department, Portage County Sheriff's Office, Plover Police Department, Stevens Point Fire Department and Portage County Ambulance. The academy runs from September 8th through November 10th.
 - The management team of the SPFD attended a three day FEMA class at UWSP for Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education. The class consisted of representatives from different schools in the UW system, along with representatives from UWSP, Portage County Health Department and the SPPD. The class contents were about how to operate and plan for the use of an Emergency Operation Center (EOC), in the event that a major incident happened on a UW system campus.
 - Donation
- d. EMS Report

e. Interim Police Chief Marty Skibba reported:

July:

- July, OWI Grant enforcement, 3 deployments (16 total deployments).
- July, Firearms training (Less lethal, live fire)
- July 3-4th, Riverfront Rendivous, Auxiliary and Officer patrol during event.
- July 7th, Portage Co. Space and Property approved remodel request within SPPD.
- July 14-16th, Interim A.C. Babl participated in Emergency Planning course with UWSP and SPFD representatives.
- July 17th, Auxiliary fundraiser at Trigs raised \$384.00.
- July 20th, Council approved Supervisory side letter establishing Corporal rank.
- July 20th, Council approved ammendment to Police rank structure ordinance.
- July 23rd, SPPD sponsered NCCPA monthly meeting, Officer Ahrens and Bink presented "Micro Policing, and Officers passion".
- July 24th, Movie in the Park, Police Night. Auxiliary and Officers and family members handed out snacks during the event.

August:

- August, OWI Grant enforcement, 3 deployments (16 total deployments).
- August, Firearms training (Less lethal, live fire).
- August 1st, Violet Thompson Benefit 5K, Auxiliary providing traffic control.
- August 1st, Corn on the Curb, Contractual Officer patrol (2)
- August 8th, Boys and Girls Club Bike a thon, Auxiliary providing traffic control.
- August 10-12th, SPPD Administration attending Chiefs conference.
- August 12th, Officers Radsek and Kontos to be recognized by Noon Optimist Club for involvement with youth.
- August 17th, Salvation Army meeting, develop protocol with PTSO, WSO, WRPD, PPD and Human Services related to residents needs.
- August 20th, Meeting with Community Development, Landlords and SPPD.
- August 22nd, Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game
- August 22nd, United Way Duathlon, Auxiliary providing traffic control.

Officers Lee and Marchel are currently in Step 3 of the Field Training program and performing satisfactorily. Solo patrol is projected for early September.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to accept the consent agenda items.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.