



Police and Fire Commission

City of Stevens Point
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Gary Wescott
President
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May 3, 2016
4:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Finn, Police Chief Skibba, Alderperson Kneebone, Alderperson Morrow, Alderperson Ryan, Alderperson Dugan, Roger Trzebiatowski, Armin Nebel, Lee Ann Spoon – Records Bureau Supervisor

- 2. People to be heard and announcements**

Mary Kneebone was welcomed as the council liaison to the Police and Fire Commission.

President Wescott asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Police and Fire Commissioner George Hanson.

- 3. Election of Commission President, Secretary and appointment of liaisons**

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to re-elect Gary Wescott as President.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to re-elect Bob Ostrowski as Secretary.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

The Police, Fire and EMS liaisons will be appointed at the June meeting.

- 4. CSO informational update with code enforcement consideration**

Chief Skibba received permission to hire more night time personnel to cover the 20 hours per week duty assignment. Additionally, the PD is looking at other services such as code enforcement and animal control.

5. Donation to auxiliary unit from Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to accept a donation from Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders to the Police Auxiliary Unit in the amount of \$200.00.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Police Chief's Report

Chief Skibba reported:

April:

- April, Community Services position hiring process (night position) – Tanner Lepinski.
- April 7-8, Wisconsin Executive Police Group training in Appleton.
- April 12th, UW parking concerns related to towing attended by AC Babl and Chief Skibba.
- April 15th, Trivia Weekend, Auxiliary assisting with parade.
- April 23rd, SPASH prom, MORP, attended by officers.
- April 28th, Re-visioning Stevens Point, attended by Chief of Police and community members.
- April 29th, Police Association annual fishing tournament fundraiser.
- April 30th, Reeder's Ruck Race.

May:

- May, Mental Health Month, officers will wear green recognition pins during the month.
- May 2nd, Educational presentation to tavern league.
- May 4th, Supervisor's meeting: President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, foundation for SPPD strategic plan.
- May 4th, Take A Step 5K.
- May 7th, Portage County Cultural Festival.
- May 14th, Mark Motors Safety Fair.
- May 21st, UWSP Graduation.
- May 29th, SPASH graduation.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to accept the police chief's report.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Fire Chief's report/EMS report

Chief Finn reported:

- New turnout gear was issued to ten members of the Department to replace worn and aged equipment.
- All apparatus bay floor gutters were cleaned and sewers sucked with the water department vacuum truck.
- At this month's Explorer Scout meeting, we conducted a wild land controlled burn of 2.3 acres of prairie grass. The DNR, UWSP fire crew and Amherst Brush helped with the live burn at AC Davis' residence.
- A new cutoff saw blade for our K-12 was purchased for multipurpose cutting operations.
- T & D Lighting is giving us a bid for LED replacement lights throughout Station 2 and in the basement of Station 1. We can save up to \$1,500.00 if we dismantle the lights in the basement. Besides electrical cost savings, this qualifies for Focus on Energy Rebates.
- The Certified Fire Inspector class for ten of our firefighters is done, the written exam completed, and the State Practical Exam is scheduled for May 4th.
- City Police Honor Guard and SPFD Personnel coordinated efforts with the visitation and funeral of retired Police and Fire Commission member George Hanson.
- Following the City Safety Meeting, representatives from CVMIC toured both stations and addressed risks found. We are working to remedy these issues, except for the fire pole.
- Metro fire calls (4).
- Total Fire calls: 94.
- Training: Leadership – 360 reviews of all personnel and one-on-one with James Rowan. Pipeline Emergencies by Paradigm LLC at the Holiday Inn. Metro Training – Semi Trailer HazMat Responses. Green Avenue and Cypress Street houses both have had asbestos inspections done. Green Avenue had asbestos abatement done and a burning permit from the DNR has been issued. Search and Rescue, Ladder Drills, Apparatus Placement, Building Construction, Air Management, Low Angle Rope Rescues, and Quarterly Officer's Meeting took place. Total training hours: 56.0.
- Public Education: Fire Drill at School of Discovery, 1900 West Zinda Street. Community Safety Net. The new Pub Ed supplier has raised enough funds for 300 students to receive safety booklets at \$15.00 each. Smoke detector give-away program for elderly and low income. We have installed 17 smoke detectors and three CO detectors so far this month.
- Fire Inspections: PIP's being drawn and updated.
- Total inspections: 227.

EMS Report:

- Handling of Patients with mental illness: Stevens Point Personnel were trained in the handling of patients who suffer from mental illness. Special thanks to SPPD Officer Kristi Ahrens and Kay Jewell from the NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) of Portage and Wood Counties.
- Portage County Ignite: The Portage County Ignite group participated in "Back Stage Pass," where the group received hand-on learning in: (1) Vehicle walk-through and display; (2) Extinguisher demo; (3) Hand-only CPR; (4) Station tour; (5) EMS/Ambulance overview. Crew gave a presentation on EMS equipment, the level that we provide and what we can do as far as treatment.
- CPR in schools bill: The CPR in schools bill was signed into law on April 26th by Governor Walker at Wausau West High School. Mayor Wiza, Chief Finn, and Assistant Chiefs Davis and Gemza were at the signing. This law requires CPR training for Grades 7 – 12 as part of the health curriculum at public schools.
- Rapids Response Vehicle: There was a potential of 40 runs in April

1. Canceled En Route:	6 times
2. Lieutenant Not Available:	2 times
3. Staffing Not Allowed:	0 times
4. RRU Not Available:	0 times
5. RRU Responded:	32 times

Simultaneous Ambulance Requests in April, 328	
2 Ambulances out:	63 (19.21%)
3 Ambulances out:	6 (1.83%)
4 Ambulances out:	1 (.30%)
5 Ambulances out:	1 (.30%)

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the fire chief's report.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the confirmation of the April bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.