

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

February 12, 2008, 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schlehs and Taylor

Commissioner Nuck, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Andrew Halverson, Alderperson Hanson

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2. People to be heard and announcements

None.

3. Approval of Minutes - January 15, 2008 and January 29, 2008

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting and January 29, 2008 Special Meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion Carried.

4. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to accept the confirmation of the January 2008 Police and Fire Department bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Donations to Safety Cadet Program from Bannach School, Washington School and McKinley School

Commissioner Rice moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the donations from Bannach, Washington and McKinley Schools to the Safety Cadet Program.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Discussion, with possible action, approval of Officer Alan Raasoch to participate in the foreign Rotary exchange program

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the approval of Officer Alan Raasoch's participation in the foreign Rotary exchange program. Officer Raasoch's pay and benefits will continue while he participates in the program.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Discussion, with possible action, endorsement by Commission of Police Department Strategic Direction Plan as presented at the Special Commission Meeting dated January 29, 2008.

Commissioner Rice moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adopt the Strategic Plan for implementation with the understanding that the plan will be reviewed annually at a Special Commission Meeting to be held in January so progress of the plan can be reviewed. The Commission commended the Department for the presentation at the special meeting and acknowledged all the hard work that has gone into the plan to date.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Morris reported:

- **There will be no crime statistics available this month as we transition from the prior records management system to the new system. The most significant event was the armed robbery of an individual staying at the La Quinta Inn.**
- **Following the presentation of the Department's Strategic Plan at the Special Meeting the Department has begun planning for implementation of the plan.**
- **The Department received a grievance. The Chief will keep the commission updated.**

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Police Chief's report for January 2008.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Discussion, with possible action, approval for the City to renew their Fire Department's participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the renewal of the Fire Department's participation under the terms of the new MABAS Agreement as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Discussion, with possible action, the Fire Department's efforts to initiate an initial aide agreement with the Village of Plover for aerial service.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the development of an agreement between the Village of Plover and the City of Stevens Point that provides fire suppression and rescue aerial service through initial aid.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

11. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- **The Chief reported on the status of Station #2.**
- **Jonathan Holton started his orientation training on Monday, February 11.**
- **The Chief discussed the historical cost of the cooperative CPAT venture.**
- **The collapse rescue team is training on trench rescue this week near Isaac Walton. Special thanks to the City Streets Department for providing trenches and to the Stevens Point Airport for periodically providing shelter.**
- **The Village of Park Ridge has sent a letter requesting cost estimations for the Fire Department to provide fire protection services for the Village.** City staff is working on a reply.
- **There has been an introductory meeting of the metro area governmental bodies to research the possibility of improving a more regional provision of fire and rescue services. Currently, the participants are Stevens Point, Plover, Whiting, Park Ridge and the Town of Hull. The first goal will be to educate. ESCi is being sought to provide an educational program.**
- **The Department is developing a plan of attack to address the need for EMS accreditation.**

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Fire Chief's report for January, 2008.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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