

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

October 9, 2007, 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Commissioner Nuck, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Halverson, Firefighter Paramedic Dennis Zvara

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a. Motor Pump Operator Interview - Fire Dept.

b. Updates on Police and Fire labor negotiations

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn into closed session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 4:55 p.m.) For possible action on item number 2 (a).

Commissioner Rice moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to reconvene into open session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve Firefighter/Paramedic Dennis Zvara to the position of Motor Pump Operator.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None

5. Approval of Minutes - September 11, 2007

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to accept the confirmation of the September 2007 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Report on Portage County EMS Oversight Board Meeting of September 20, 2007

Commissioner Rice distributed a copy of the Oversight Board Meeting Agenda of September 20, 2007. The meeting was attended by Commissioners Rice and Meyer. A brief discussion followed.

8. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

• The Chief briefed the Commission on the status of Station #2.

• The next round of entry level applicant interviews by the Deputy Chiefs is scheduled for October 18th.

• The Management Pay Plan study is in the final stage of development and will be released to the Common Council on October 22nd.

• Fire Prevention Week

• Fire Prevention activities of October 6th were an outstanding success. Highlights include:

o 167 kids completed all six (6) safety stations; campsite, home water heater, kitchen appliances, bathtub water, fire place and Halloween costume.

o Over 200 families received a personally autographed copy of Mrs. Bilbrey's second book "Breckler Bunny Learns to be Careful." Books donated by the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety.

o Approximately 150 kids were trained in the Smoke House.

o An estimated crowd of 125 citizens viewed the live fire sprinkler demonstration.

o Donations to this project included:

• Lowe's donated \$320.00 in materials, 150 smoke detectors, 96 glow sticks, flashlights, loan of kitchen and bathroom set up display, and a crew to deliver, set up and retrieve both displays.

• ReMax donated \$500.00 to assist in building sprinkler demonstration rooms.

• IAFF Local 484 donated \$100.00.

• SPFD Ladies Auxiliary for coordination and management services.

• Batteries Plus donated 100 9-Volt batteries.

• Boot Biz, (Jodi Baganz's brother) donated 25 smoke detectors.

• Fire Pro donated a fire extinguisher.

• Hot Spot donated 16 anti scald shower and tub faucets.

- Community Child Care donated a gift basket.
 - DigiCopy donated the printing of 5,000 flyers that were distributed to all students in the Stevens Point School District. They also provided tracking slips for the safety displays.
 - United States Fire Protection donated sprinkler system for demo.
 - Target donated \$25.00.
 - Sentry Insurance donated 8 flashlight radio combinations.
 - WPS donated 150 pin wheels.
 - Polito's Pizza provided pizzas for the many volunteers.
 - The Chief will be out of state the last week of October 23rd on vacation.
 - The Chief will be attending the National Fire Academy from November 14th through December 1st.
 - Deputy Chief Bob Finn starts employment at the Fire Department on October 15th, 2007.
- Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to accept the Fire Chief's Report for September 2007.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried

9. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- The 2007 crime stats for the year to date show total calls for service have increased by 648 compared to 2006.
 - Lt. Carlson has been working with Sallie Scovill from UWSP to develop and implement a two year voluntary wellness program for members of the Department's Management Team. The program is free of charge. Also participating will be Carol Grubba representing the AFSCME Union and a representative of the SPPOO. It is hoped this program will serve as a pilot for the entire city to join in the future.
 - Progress is continuing on the CAD (computer aided dispatch) program. The Department has developed a timetable for installation and acceptance testing of the CAD system.
 - The East Avenue street closure adjacent to Jefferson School began October 1st and to date the closure seems to be meeting the goal of improving student safety, reducing traffic congestion and not unduly disrupting neighborhood vehicular traffic flow.
 - The Department's efforts continue to monitor, educate and control loud obnoxious behavior through extra patrol and enforcement. The past week the Department has been in contact with neighbors in the area of the 1400 block of Wyatt Avenue to help them develop responses to ongoing concerns regarding the nightly behavior of college and rental residents which is generally most prevalent during warmer weather conditions.
 - The Chief briefed the Commission on the ongoing issues of disorderly youth between the ages of 12 to 18 in highly frequented areas like Bukolt Park, the Shopko parking lot or Mead Park.
 - Commissioner Taylor and the Management Team continue to prepare for the creation of a new strategic plan or vision for the delivery of police services. The work focuses on the development of key ideas to present to the community as the Department seeks input of those living, working and playing in Stevens Point regarding concerns about personal safety and crime.
 - The dispatcher reclassification process was reviewed by the Personnel Committee on October 8th. A study was completed by Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz which included wage comparables for the three nearest dispatch centers. The study found there was a substantial disparity in wages and the Personnel Specialist recommended an increase of 75 cents per hour for senior dispatchers.
- Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the Police Chief's report for September, 2007.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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