

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

January 10, 2006, 4:30 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik and Schleihs

Commissioner Taylor, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Morris, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Alderman Barr

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3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:15 p.m.) for possible action on item numbers 2(a) and 2(b).

4. People to be heard and announcements

5. Review, with possible action, synopsis of consultant presentation of comprehensive study of Portage County Ambulance System

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Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to adjourn into executive session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik and Schleihs

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:15 p.m.) for possible action on item numbers 2(a) and 2(b)

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reconvene into open session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik and Schleihs

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve Jeffrey Davis to the position of Captain when the appropriate vacancy occurs.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik and Schleihs

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve Joe Gemza to the position of Motor Pump Operator when the appropriate vacancy occurs.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik and Schleihs

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Review, with possible action, synopsis of consultant presentation of comprehensive study of Portage County Ambulance System

President Judy presented a brief synopsis of the two consultant presentations on January 5th. The Portage County RFP Study Group met in closed session to discuss the presentations and in open session moved to negotiate with EMSCi details of the proposal. A telephonic review with the consultant will be held on January 13th. The City and County will be asked to approve up to \$60,000 for the high estimate of \$60,000 for the consultant's professional fees and expenses of the project.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to endorse the recommendation of the RFP study group and forward the recommendation to the city for approval.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes - December 13, 2005 and December 21, 2005

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the minutes of December 13 and December 21, 2005.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to accept the confirmation of the December 2005 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- In his capacity as a corpsman (paramedic) with the 115th Fighter Wing MDG (Medical Group) stationed at Truax Field, J.B. Moody was recognized as Wisconsin's Airman of the year in 2000. Now in 2005, his skills and dedication were once again recognized this time as Wisconsin's Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the year. In November he will receive the award titled "Military State Achievement" which will be presented by Governor Doyle. In addition, J.B. Moody is now one of 250 worldwide finalists for four National awards. If received, he will be periodically put on orders during 2006/2007. Notification of this award will be in March 2006.
 - Captain Rifleman may be not retiring in February as he had planned.
 - With the arrival of our replacement rescue truck, the Department will be rearranging the current apparatus placement.
 - J. B. Moody will appear before the Commission in March for his end of probation interview.
 - Justin Thomson will appear before the Commission in April for his end of probation interview.
- Commissioner Schleih's moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for December 2005.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- The Chief has signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Police Department, the City of Stevens Point and Portage County 911 with the United Way of Marathon/Portage County's 2-1-1 system. Initiation of services is anticipated approximately March 1st.
 - In December of 2004 the Chief informed the Commission of a decision to modify the original uniform of the sworn personnel at the police department. The officers will now wear a solid navy blue trouser and solid navy blue tie. The new uniform change will take place on or about February 1, 2006. The officers paid for the uniforms out of their 2006 clothing allowance so there is no impact on the 2006 budget.
 - The Chief will be attending the following training:
 - Wisconsin Police Executive Group - January 12th & 13th - Appleton, Wisconsin
 - Annual Law Enforcement Management and Executive Conference - January 16th through January 19th - Superior, Wisconsin
 - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Mid-Winter Conference - February 8th & 9th - Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
 - The Chief has agreed to serve on the United Way Board for a three year term beginning in January of 2006.
 - A short discussion was held regarding the written synopsis of the Justice Center Coalition project.
- Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the Police Chief's report for December, 2005.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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