

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

March 15, 2006, 4:32 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

Commissioner Meyer, excused

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

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- b. Updates on Police and Fire contract negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues
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- a. Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Interview
 - b. Updates on Police and Fire contract negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues
- Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to adjourn into executive session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:00 p.m.) for possible action on item number 2(a)

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

J. B. Moody is not able to appear before the Commission for his end of probation interview due to being ill. Mr. Moody does have a doctor's excuse for his absence from work. Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve Firefighter/Paramedic J.B. Moody to regular status effective March 26, 2006. Mr. Moody will appear before the Commission at its regularly scheduled April meeting for his end of probation interview.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes - February 13, 2006

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Pazdernik moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to accept the confirmation of the February 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- Emergency Services Consulting, Inc. remains in the area hard at work on the EMS study.
- The Department has applied for a grant with the Office of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$330,000.00. If the grant is awarded, the money would be used for technical rescue purposes.
- The Department will be applying for an \$850,000.00 Fire Assistance Grant to replace the aging aerial truck.
- The delivery of the replacement rescue truck is expected in late March. This was a 100% grant from the Office of Justice Assistance.
- A conditional offer of employment was made to Mr. Keith Nickels. He will begin employment on April 3rd.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Koch has resigned effective March 15th. The Department will seek reimbursement for costs incurred on his behalf since he has been with the Department for less than one year. This will amount to approximately \$1,500.00.
- The hiring process has begun through Chippewa Valley Technical College. There are currently 43 applicants. The Department will receive its list of applicants for consideration from Chippewa Valley approximately June 1st.
- The remaining person on the eligibility list does not have his national paramedic registry so he is not eligible for employment at this time.
- The Stevens Point Fire Department has begun a new EMS public education outreach project targeting select groups of people in Portage County. The Department is initially focusing on elementary children in our schools.
- The Department responded to a mutual aid call with Adams County for an accident involving a school bus and a semi. The Department sent one ambulance for assistance.
- Justin Thomson will appear before the Commission in April for his end of probation interview.
- The Department will be receiving a \$1,400.00 grant from Wisconsin EMS Emergency Preparedness Plan (WEEPP) for having completed trauma training.

Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for February, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Approval to purchase controller unit for downtown camera security system

Commissioner Pazdernik moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the purchase of a controller for the downtown security camera. The cost of the controller is approximately \$3,500.00. Mayor Wescott suggested the money be taken from the Public Education Government (PEG) Fund. Commissioner Pazdernik moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve Mayor Wescott's suggestion that the funds to purchase the controller be taken from the Public Education Government (PEG) Fund.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- The Department began using the electronic reporting system on March 1st. Overall the transition to this system has gone well.
- The Department received a grant from Sentry last August to get a live scan computer for fingerprinting. The Chief is hopeful the computer will be on-line by the end of this month.
- The City approved borrowing \$17,000.00 last month for a new digital recorder for the Dispatch Center. The previous recorder could not be serviced any longer due to being obsolete.
- The Chief discussed the issue of overtime at the Police Department. While the Department has stayed within the allotted overtime limits for the past two years, the Chief is concerned that the accrued overtime dollar amount continues to grow.
- The Department received a homeland security grant and used the money to purchase individual electronic recording devices for the detectives.
- The Detective Bureau has worked hard to clear a string of burglaries. A news release will be issued in the near future.
- Adult School Crossing Guard Paul Malchow passed away on Monday. Paul had over 25 years of crossing guard service with the city.
- Joyce McCanna resigned her position as dispatcher with the Department effective April 3, 2006. The position vacancy has been posted internally.
- A sergeant on the department recently had surgery and is doing well.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the Police Chief's report for February, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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