

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

April 11, 2006, 4:33 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

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

Fire Department employees: Justin Thomson, J.B. Moody, Tracy Aldrich and John Zinda

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  - b. Updates on Police and Fire contract negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues
  - c. Discussion, with possible action, request to fill a potential sergeant vacancy within the Police Department
3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:00 p.m.) for possible action on item numbers 2(a) and 2(c).
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- Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to adjourn into executive session.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve Firefighter/Paramedic J.B. Moody to regular status following the successful completion of his probationary period.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Thomson to regular status following the successful completion of his probationary period.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the request to start the promotional process for sergeant in the Police Department when the Department is ready.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes - March 15, 2006

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to accept the confirmation of the March 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- The Department received a \$1,400 grant from Wisconsin EMS Emergency Preparedness Plan (WEEPP) for having done trauma training.
- The Department may receive a grant from the Office of Justice Assistance in 2006 for technical rescue. The Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department has been approved to upgrade to a satellite.

- The Department will be applying for a \$69,744 Fire Assistance Grant to complete vehicle exhaust systems in fire stations.
  - The Chief attended a UWSP Master Planning meeting recently.
  - The replacement rescue truck has arrived. This was a 100% grant from the Office of Justice Assistance.
- Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for March, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 8. Discussion, with possible action, police officer recruitment process

Commissioner Pazdernik moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve starting the police officer recruitment process.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 9. Donation - Police Department

Commissioner Meyer moved, Seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve the donation of one VCR/DVD/RW recorder from Target Corporation.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 10. Discussion, with possible action, out of state travel for Chief Morris to attend the International Association of Police Chief's Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from October 14-18, 2006 (SPAN Publishing to donate flight and lodging expenses)

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve out of state travel for Chief Morris to attend the International Association of Police Chief's Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from October 14-18, 2006.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 11. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- The Department accreditation expires in May of 2006. Captain Dowling is handling the re-accreditation process.
- Starting in June as a strategic planning project Commissioner Taylor will start the process of facilitating an external citizen's group that will help the Department re-examine its mission statement, values and develop a new strategic plan. Implementation of a community review will be completed by September.
- The internal strategic planning committees formed to target special problems and the groups are entering the final stage of the review process.
- E-reporting began on March 1st and is progressing well.
- All city department listening session is scheduled for April 25th at a location yet to be determined. The purpose is an opportunity for citizens in the area to meet with representatives of the various city departments to discuss concerns about problems in their area or city services and responses to those problems.
- There will be an open house for all retired members of the Police Department on April 12th at 1:00 in Conference Room B at the Police Department.
- With the sale of the Southside Fire House to the Portage County Historical Society, implementation of the plan for assigned unmarked squads will be completed beginning on Friday, April 14th. The plan was approved by the PFC at its November 2005 meeting and is under final review by the Mayor.
- June 8th will be the annual law enforcement Torch Run and the opening of Special Olympics in Stevens Point. The ceremony and parade will begin the year from Pfiffner Park.
- The Police Department lobby has been updated to better reflect this as the main entrance to the Department.
- Taping began this week for the first segment of the Department's new version of Cop Talk. The purpose of the show is to inform the public about the inner workings of the Department and to alert them to the Department's need for community involvement to solve crimes and make their neighborhoods safe.

Note: A verbatim copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file at the office of the city clerk for inspection during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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