

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

June 13, 2006, 3:31 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Schleihs and Taylor

Commissioner Meyer, excused

Also Present: Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Captain Kevin Ruder, Mayor Gary Wescott, Alderman Randal Stroik

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 - a. Updates on Police and Fire labor negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues
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2. People to be heard and announcements

The Commission commended Officer Tony Zblewski on his hard work and dedication for his participation in the year round activities of Special Olympics. At the Law Enforcement Torch Run ceremony on June 8th Officer Zblewski was awarded the Dale Brunner Hall of Fame award.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes of May 9, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleihs, to accept the confirmation of the May 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- **Chief Barnes was approached by the Wisconsin Nigerian project at UWSP to assist in hosting Fire Chief Juan Carlos Vallecillo and Dr. Ceasar for a cultural exchange on August 2nd through the 10th.**
- **The Chief will have approximately 14 firefighter candidates to interview in August.**

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Donations - Police Department

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the following donations to the Safety Cadet Program:

Bannach School, \$100.00

Jefferson School, \$108.13

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Police Chief's Report

In Chief Morris' absence Captain Ruder reported:

- **The proposal to use firearms to cull deer this fall was heard before the Public Protection Committee on June 12th. The Committee voted down the use of firearms for deer culling by a vote of 3 to 2; final action is required by the Common Council.**
- **Letters were sent to the 13 establishments informing them whether or not they passed their recent compliance check conducted by law enforcement and the Portage County Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.**
- **The first five months of the year have been very busy as patrol and investigations working together brought many difficult cases to successful conclusion through arrest and/or clearance.**
- **The violation of the month program has been very successful in heightening the community's awareness of traffic safety and nuisance abatement. In June the focus is curfew violations and noise violations.**
- **The Internal Strategic Planning committees and subcommittees formed to target special problems have initiated work on making their projects functional, operating sub-systems of the SPPD.**
- **The end of the school year has arrived for the University and K-12 systems. There was some unwanted publicity and extra duty caused by rumors of a hit list at P.J. Jacobs Junior High School. The Police Department staff and Officer Ben Uitenbroek did an excellent job of tracking down the source of the information. There were no incidents and classes took place as usual.**
- **The Department's accreditation expired in May 2006 but WILEAG is moving their base of operation from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton to UW Milwaukee. Captain Dowling awaits a definite schedule from WILEAG on beginning the renewal process. It is expected the process will not begin until late in the fall of 2006.**
- **Information Technology Update: The process of maintaining connectivity between the computers in the squads and the station had been progressing well. However, we recently began experiencing significant issues again. This structure has been provided to the city at no cost from Specialized Computer Systems. We are not sure this solution is going to continue to provide adequate coverage and may be re-forced to think the method of connectivity with the station.**
- **Special Olympics was held on June 8th.**
- **A copy of the 2005 Police Department Annual Report was distributed.**
- **Bethany Reed will be interning with the Police Department this summer.**

Note: A copy of the Police Chief's written report to the Commission is on file at the Office of the City Clerk and is available for inspection during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleihs, to approve the Police Chief's report for May, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn into executive session (approximately 4:00 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. ss. 19.85(1) (b), (c), (e) and (f) for the following:

a. Updates on Police and Fire labor negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Schleihs and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Reconvene into open session (approximately 4:15 p.m.) for possible action

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Schleihs and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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