

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

July 11, 2006, 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Schleih and Taylor

Commissioner Meyer, excused

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

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8. Reconvene into open session for possible action (approximately 5:30 p.m.)

9. Adjournment

2. People to be heard and announcements

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to accept the confirmation of the June 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- **The Chief was informed by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance that due to a 60% cut in their 2006/2007 federal allocation, our central Wisconsin collapse rescue team will now be a secondarily funded team such as Sheboygan, Marinette and Grant County.**
- **The Chief noted that he will be asking the Commission to interview entry level candidates in August.**
- **The Chief distributed an overview of the next 90-day work plan for his office.**

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Police Chief's Report

In Chief Morris' absence Captain Ruder reported:

- **During the past 30 days the Investigation Bureau has charged a female with the armed robbery of Little Caesar's Pizza that occurred in January of 2006. The arrest was the result of an investigation which began into gang activity in Stevens Point.**
- **The violation of the month program has been quite successful in heightening the community's awareness of traffic safety and nuisance abatement. The summer focus has been noise abatement and curfew violations.**
- **A full report of the ISRR committee will be delivered within the next two weeks and will be discussed at the August meeting.**
- **The strategic planning process will begin in September and should culminate with a completed document in late March.**
- **In June the management team assisted the University in presenting a panel discussion at the Freshman Orientation Panel. The audience consists of parents of the incoming freshman class and the orientation is a great opportunity to educate the parents about the City of Stevens Point.**
- **The Department's accreditation technically expired in May 2006 but they are still in the process of re-organization and have not been able to indicate when the Department can expect to be visited for re-accreditation.**
- **To date the Department received 44 applications for the position of police officer. Candy Tork has transferred to Public Works to fill a vacancy there which has left us one additional secretary short in Records Bureau. The Department received 89 applications for the current vacant Secretary position which occurred when Penny Warren went to dispatch earlier this year.**
- **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. The Department may be forced to rethink the method of connectivity with the station.**

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 Schleih, to approve the Police Chief's report for June, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn into executive session (approximately 5:15 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. ss. 19.85(1) (b), (c), (e) and (f) for the following:

a. Interview, recommendation of Probationary Police Captain to regular status

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

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Schleih and Taylor

Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:30 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.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleihs, to approve Captain Kevin Ruder to the rank of regular Police Captain upon the successful completion of his probationary status.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Schleihs and Taylor
Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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