

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

October 10, 2006, 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Rice and Schleih

Commissioner Taylor, excused

Also Present: Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Police Chief Jeff Morris, Greg Bean

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Rice and Schleih

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 4:50 p.m.) for possible action on items 2(a) and 2(b).

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

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Rice and Schleih

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve Officer Greg Bean to the rank of probationary police sergeant effective November 6, 2006.

Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Rice and Schleih

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the minutes of September 19, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to accept the confirmation of the September 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- **Captain Dowling, Lieutenant Eggleston and Records Technician Candy Tork recently went to Madison to review the Department's UCR reporting policy with the official state and national policy to ensure conformance to accepted reporting procedure. It was determined the Department has a higher aggravated assault rate as compared to the number of simple assaults we experience than most cities our size. We are investigating the specific cases to determine if we have over ranked some domestic assaults.**
- **The patrol unit has been extremely short handed this summer due to family medical leaves, light duty and military leave situations. This will reflect in our overtime budget this year.**
- **The sergeant's promotional process is complete and Officer Gerg Bean has emerged from a field of ten applicants for consideration to promotion as sergeant on the Stevens Point Police Department. The interview panel members consisted of five department members and two outside panelists. Everyone on the panel should be commended for their efforts in helping the Department create a promotional process that has credibility and that produced an excellent candidate to be the next sergeant on our Department.**
- **We received 89 applications for the position of police officer. The test was taken in August and we are proceeding through the normal steps of the officer hiring process. Interviews were held on September 26, 27 and 28. Background checks and ride-alongs are currently underway. To ensure an adequate number of candidates we are going to interview an additional 10 candidates on October 11th.**
- **Other matters of interest:**
- **The justice system project which would include the SPPD in the facility has taken another step forward in the planning process. The County Board is considering its next meeting a resolution to accept the report of the Justice Center Management Team and authorize Phase II of the study which consists of identifying the operational costs of the center, the actual construction costs and identifying a site in Stevens Point.**
- **The Police Officer union has voted officially to end its long term relationship with the Wisconsin Professional Police Officers' Association and go with the Teamster's Union as their collective bargaining agent. It is anticipated that 2007 negotiations will begin in early November.**
- **We are starting the United Way campaign for city employees this week. As a member of the Board I am coordinating the campaign for the city.**
- **The issue of school violence has again resurfaced as a major impediment to learning in our schools. The department has taken many steps, including meeting with all school systems in Stevens Point to discuss positive low tech steps that can be taken to increase safety and that can be sustained over a long period of time.**

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- **A resolution is being proposed that the City of Stevens Point endorse and approve the participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and direct the Fire Department Chief to enter into an agreement with other Mutual Aid Box Alarm System participants subject to the lawful rules and regulations promulgated by the State of Wisconsin. The MABAS system would provide for the coordination of fire protection and emergency medical services in the event of a large scale emergency, natural disaster or made-made catastrophe.**
 - **The Chief presented a Power Point Presentation entitled Response to Hazardous Materials in Portage County. A short discussion followed.**
 - **The Portage County Ambulance Service in conjunction with the Stevens Point Fire Department was the highlighted EMS service in the Fall 2006 edition of The Spotlight which is published by Ministry Health Care. A copy of the article was provided to the Commission.**
- Commissioner Rice moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for September, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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