

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

June 14, 2005, 4:31 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Morris, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Captain James Dowling, Lt. Ed Eggleston, Lt. Kevin Ruder, Sgt. Ron Carlson, Gary Itzkowicz, Firefighter/Paramedic Tracy Aldrich, Police Officer Applicant Timothy Obremski

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 - b. Update on union bargaining negotiations - fire and police
 - c. Update on ambulance contract and ambulance service survey
 - d. Update on grievance regarding City's Limited Term Modified Duty Policy
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2. PowerPoint presentation of Phase II of Strategic Planning Process: results of community and business survey

In mid May approximately 17,000 surveys were mailed to city of Stevens Point residences and Stevens Point businesses. A total of 1,847 surveys were received and 449 surveys were used for the analysis.

High points of the presentation are shown on the attached executive summary of the survey results.

Mayor Wescott suggested Gary Itzkowicz present the survey results to the Common Council at either their July or August Council meeting.

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 - b. Update on union bargaining negotiations - fire and police
 - c. Update on ambulance contract and ambulance service survey
 - d. Update on grievance regarding City's Limited Term Modified Duty policy
- Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to adjourn into executive session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor
Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:15 p.m.) for possible action on Item Number 3(a).

Commissioner Schleih 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 Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the hiring of Timothy Obremski as a probationary police officer on the Stevens Point Police Department.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer, Pazdernik, Schleih and Taylor
Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. People to be heard and announcements

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to accept the confirmation of the May 2005 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Discussion, with possible action, extending the probationary period of firefighter/paramedic J.B. Moody

Due to a military activation J.B. Moody is not available to serve his full 12 month probationary period within his first 12 months of employment. Since his return to duty date is uncertain at this time Chief Barnes was not able to advise the Commission of a date that would complete his 12 month probationary period. Union President Aldrich acknowledged the necessity for the probationary period extension.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pazdernik, to approve extending the probationary period of firefighter/paramedic J.B. Moody and creating a new completion date once his return to duty date is known.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Discussion, with possible action, supporting a city resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to support a city resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Discussion, with possible action, supporting the city to continue its Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with other Portage County Departments

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement, Portage County, Wisconsin as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

11. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- **The Chief updated the Commission on the partnership with Chippewa Valley Technical College and eight (8) other Wisconsin Fire Departments to provide CPAT testing.** The Department received 138 initial applications. Fifty-one (51) of those applicants were accepted as qualified applicants. There are currently 24 applicants eligible for oral interviews.
- **Confined space rescue procedures were reviewed and horizontal entries through the in-station mock-up. Actual confined space rescue drills were conducted at the UWSP steam plant, boiler #2.**
- **The Fire Department is involved in the planning of a mass disaster EMS/Rescue drill to be held in Portage County on September 17th, 2005.**
- **EMS week was May 15th through the 21st. Community CPR classes were held by local EMS groups as well as the Stevens Point Fire Department.**
- **The Department is working to finish researching their data software upgrade project.**
- **The Department is continuing in the process of assisting First Responder Groups to upgrade their level of care to EMT basic.**
- **Above ground and underground storage tank inspection hours for the month totaled 22:30.**
- **Confined space standby hours for the month totaled 12:19.**

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the Fire Chief's report for May 2005.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

12. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- **Captain's interviews are scheduled for July 13, 2005. The Chief will bring the finalist to the Commission for an interview promotion approval at the regularly scheduled August meeting.**
- **Mayor Wescott commended the Police Department for their excellent work in participating in the Special Olympics this past weekend.**
- **The Department previously submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Transportation for funding to implement Badger TRACS. TRACS is software that computerizes accident reports and uniform traffic citations in the squads for immediate reporting to the State. The TRACS grant includes hardware for printing reports and citations in the squad. Early indications are good for approval.**

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the Police Chief's report for May, 2005.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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