

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

January 14, 2003, 4:34 p.m. Roll Call Commissioners Boylan, Fandre, Judy, Meyer and Taylor

Also Present Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Alderperson Jack Barr, Alderperson Dave Sowieja, Todd Becken - SPFD, Tracy Aldrich - SPFD, Mike Wheeler - SPFD, Jodi Baganz - SPFD, Kate Garsombke - Stevens Point Journal

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2. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. sections 19.85 (1)(b), (c), (e) and (f) for the following (with possible action to follow in open session):

- (a) Firefighter applicant interviews
- (b) Plover Police and Fire Commission proposal to contract with the City of Stevens Point Police Department for police services.
- (c) Discussion of Fire Department union grievance regarding captain's promotional process
- (d) Police Department personnel issue
- (e) Update on fire union bargaining negotiations

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 6:30 p.m.) for possible action on items 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e).

4. People to be heard and announcements

5. Approval of Minutes - December 10, 2002

6. Confirmation of Bills

7. Discussion, with possible action, regarding firefighter recruitment process

8. Fire Chief's Report

9. Donation - Police Department

10. Police Chief's Report

11. Adjournment

2. Adjourn into Closed Session (4:34 p.m.)

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. secs. 19.85(1)(b), (c), (e) and (f) for the following (with possible action to follow in open session):

- (a) Firefighter applicant interviews
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- (e) Update on fire union bargaining negotiations.

Commissioner Boylan, yes; Commissioner Fandre, yes; Commissioner Judy, yes; Commissioner Meyer, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into Open Session (6:50 p.m.)

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to reconvene into open session for possible action on all items.

Commissioner Boylan, yes; Commissioner Fandre, yes; Commissioner Judy, yes; Commissioner Meyer, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2(a): Firefighter applicant interviews

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the addition of three firefighter applicants to the eligibility list.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2(b): Plover Police and Fire Commission proposals to contract with the City of Stevens Point Police Department for police services

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Fandre, that the Mayor and Commission President jointly send a letter to the Plover Police and Fire Commission to advise Plover that the City is not interested in "contracting" police services to Plover but is interested in continued discussions regarding merging services.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2(c): Discussion of Fire Department union grievance regarding captain's promotional process

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to deny the grievance regarding the Captain's promotional process.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2(d): Police Department personnel issue

This will be an agenda item at the February meeting.

Item No. 2(e): Update on fire union bargaining negotiations

No action was taken.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Fandre, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2002 and December 16, 2002 meetings.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the confirmation of December 2002 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Discussion, with possible action, regarding firefighter recruitment process

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the commencement of the firefighter recruitment process.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- **Monthly statistical reports were reviewed.**
- **Operational and capital budgets were reviewed.**
- **The City Personnel Committee approved Chief Barnes' requested starting salary for newly promoted Deputy Chief Gary Engebretson to just below midpoint.**
- **The Chief briefed the Commission on the new EMS software.**
- **In a memo dated December 16, 2002 the Portage County Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee expressed opposition to paying overtime for paramedics to attend paramedic refresher training which is scheduled for January, February and March of 2003.**
- **The Chief briefed the Commission on the status of the Quint fire engine.**
- **Representatives from Winnebago County will be viewing the Ice Angel on January 15, 2003.**
- **The Fire Chief is reviewing detour planning for the 2003 road construction on Main Street to ensure fire service concerns are considered.**
- **The annual joint EMS meeting will be held on January 24, 2003 with the Public Safety Committee.**
- **Reserve Major Michael Wheeler was activated by U.S. Army Civil Affairs.**

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the Fire Chief's report for December, 2002.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion Carried.

9. Donation - Police Department

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the following donation from Linda Rasmussen:

18 "Ty" Beanie Babies
35 "Buddy Hollyday" teddy bears

The Department will send a letter of appreciation.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Police Chief's Report

Chief Carpenter reported:

- **December's statistical reports were reviewed.**
- **Operational and capital budget recaps were reviewed.**
- **Crash Free week is January 11 - 18, 2003.**
- **January 13th through 17th is adult crossing guard recognition week in Wisconsin. At the Stevens Point Area Schools board meeting on January 13, 2003 Superintendent Dave Schuler and Police Lieutenant Ed Eggleston recognized the City's part-time employee adult school crossing guards. The guards were commended for their service and provided with a certificate of merit.**
- **The Chief discussed the Department's pursuit policy. The Department conducted two police vehicle pursuits in 2002 both initiated as a result of traffic law violations. Both pursuits were terminated at the discretion of police officers when determined that the dangerousness of the pursuit outweighed the value of the apprehension of the violator. One pursuit resulted in the issuing of multiple citations and the second pursuit resulted in police not being able to take any action because the owner reported the vehicle stolen and police could not prove otherwise.**
- **The Department's fleet of Ford Crown Victoria squad cars have been equipped with protective kits issued by Ford Motor Company. The kits are designed to protect the gas tank from explosion if the vehicle is struck from the rear.**
- **The Chief briefed the Commission in regard to police liability insurance and the drastic increase in quotes for the annual policy which is reportedly due to September 11th terrorism acts and the anticipated related claims against law enforcement if such events occur in the future. The Chief is working with the Comptroller/Treasurer to obtain insurance at a reasonable rate.**
- **Officer John Moss has been activated by the U.S. Army Reserve for a period of one year commencing January 17th 2003.**

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the Police Chief's report for December, 2002.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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