

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

May 13, 2003, 4:30 p.m. Roll Call Commissioners Boylan, Judy, Meyer, Schmidt and Taylor

Also Present Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Alderperson Jack Barr, Alderperson David Sowieja, Deputy Chief Stephen Koback, Mayoral Assistant Jami Gebert, Firefighter Armando Ramon, Firefighter Victor Kedrowski

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2. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. sections 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) for the following:

- a. probationary firefighter/paramedic interviews
- b. discussion, with possible action, regarding Police/Fire management pay
- c. discussion, with possible action, Police Department personnel issue
- d. update on Fire Department union bargaining

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 5:00 p.m.) for possible action on items 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c)

4. People to be heard and announcements

5. Approval of Minutes - April 14, 2003

6. Confirmation of Bills

7. Confirmation of commission appointments

8. Wisconsin Amber Alert information

9. Police Chief's Report

10. Fire Chief's Report

11. Adjournment

2. Adjourn into Closed Session (4:31 p.m.)

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. secs. 19.85(1) (c) and (f) for the following:

- a. probationary firefighter/paramedic interviews
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Commissioner Boylan, yes

Commissioner Judy, yes

Commissioner Meyer, yes

Commissioner Schmidt, yes

Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into Open Session (5:30 p.m.)

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reconvene into open session for possible action.

Commissioner Boylan, yes

Commissioner Judy, yes

Commissioner Meyer, yes

Commissioner Schmidt, yes

Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve Victor Kedrowski and Armando Ramon to regular status after the completion of their probationary periods.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Schmidt moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2003 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the confirmation of the April 2003 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Commission Appointments

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to nominate Commissioner Judy as president.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

The following appointments are effective as of May 13, 2003:

Secretary - Commissioner Schmidt  
Police Liaison - Commissioner Taylor  
Fire Liaison - Commissioner Meyer

#### 8. Wisconsin Amber Alert Information

Chief Carpenter briefed the Commission on a statewide Amber Alert plan which is an emergency child abduction alert system. The Department is in the process of creating a department directive outlining the proper protocol to follow which meets the criteria set forth by the State of Wisconsin.

#### 9. Police Chief's Report

Chief Carpenter reported:

- April's statistical reports were reviewed.
  - Operational and capital budget recaps were reviewed.
  - The Department expects that the two new Crown Victoria squad cars will be deployed on or about July 1st.
  - Special Olympics begins on June 5th with the Torch Run from Marshfield to Stevens Point.
  - The new 12 hour patrol shift schedule started May 1, 2003.
  - The Department has applied for a Homeland Security overtime grant which would assist with police overtime during Riverfront Rendezvous if approved.
  - Officer Matt Gurney resigned from the Department effective April 30, 2003. Recruit Officer Kent Lepak, hired from the police officer eligibility list, will begin employment with the Department on June 9, 2003.
  - On May 9th the Chief and Commissioner Taylor attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Madison, Wisconsin. Immediately following they attended the graduation ceremony for Records and Accreditation Administrator Helen Lee and Sgt. Mike Retzki. The ceremony was held in the Assembly Room in the State Capitol. Helen and Mike were commended for their outstanding project regarding police accreditation guidelines for the second edition of WLEAG requirements. This document will serve as a resource for any Wisconsin accredited agency seeking to be re-certified. Sixteen graduates, two from the Stevens Point Police Department, were honored by the presence of many state government officials.
  - Digital radio transmission upgrades are under way at the Police Department.
- Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the Police Chief's report for April, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### 10. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- Monthly statistical reports were reviewed.
- Operational and capital budgets were reviewed.
- The Chief updated the Commission on Brian Spence's tentative return to work date of June.
- The Chief still hasn't heard if the Department will receive any grant money for the Assistance of Firefighters Grant Program.
- The Chief distributed a time line for the firefighter application process which is now under way.
- The Department received a revenue cut in the amount of \$2,181.27 for our Underground Storage Tank Inspection program. This equates to 25% of the income.
- After an on-site inspection, SPFD has gained support of the local state coordinator for our request to reduce state mandated fire prevention inspections from two to one per year. We are the first Wisconsin department to make this request. Final approval will come from DOC.
- EMS week is May 18 - 23, 2003. Free CPR classes are being offered throughout the county, with three at the SPFD.
- The Police Department and UWSP Security have recently arrested and charged a UWSP student in connection with last fall's arson fires in the dorms.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Fire Chief's report for April, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion Carried.

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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