

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission Minutes

October 14, 2003, 4:30 p.m. Roll Call Commissioners Boylan, Judy, Meyer and Taylor

Also Present Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Alderperson Jack Barr, Stephen Koback, Mark Schoeberle

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 12. Adjourn into CLOSED SESSION (approximately 5:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. section 19.85 (1) (c) for the following:
 - a. discussion, with possible action, on the police chief recruitment process posting
 - b. discussion, with possible action, Fire Department personnel issue
 13. Reconvene into OPEN SESSION (approximately 6:45 p.m.) for possible action on Items 12(a) and 12(b)
 14. Adjournment
- People to be heard and announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2003 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the confirmation of the September 2003 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion, with possible action, police officer recruitment process

Chief Carpenter will initiate a police officer recruitment process which will recruit viable candidates to supplement the existing eligibility list.

Donation to Police Department drug education program

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to accept a donation in the amount of \$125.00 from Maybelle Erickson for the Stevens Point Police Department drug education program.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Carpenter reported:

September's statistical reports were reviewed.

Operational and capital budget recaps were reviewed.

The Stevens Point Police Department donated the following to the City of Park Falls Police Department:

Four Motorola Saber portable radios

Four Motorola Saber charging units

Three carrying cases for the radios

This donation was approved by the Comptroller Treasurer's office prior to action. These radios are not digital capable and therefore are no longer of use to the Department. The City of Park Falls Police Department will utilize the radios for school bus safety. The City received a letter of appreciation from Park Falls.

Charts were reviewed showing the demographics of sworn, civilian and adult school crossing guards.

The Municipal Emergency Operations Plan changes suggested by Commissioner Judy were made and the document has been passed on to the Mayor's office for review and action

A discussion was held regarding wireless communications in police squad cars. Currently the Stevens Point Police Department is the only law enforcement agency, out of 613 statewide, that access Department of Transportation and Department of Justice files via internet. The process is referred to as E-Time. Chief Carpenter needs the continued support city-wide to make this project successful. He commended Sentry Insurance, Elmer's Service Garage and the Housing Authority for their unselfish cooperation in providing antenna sites which are needed for successful transmission and reception by mobile units. The Chief also expressed the need to locate antennas on the City's water tower on Water Street. Mayor Wescott indicated he is working on a contract with an internet service provider concerning antennas on the water tower.

A discussion was held regarding the new Wisconsin OWI law.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion, with possible action, Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement with Wisconsin Rapids

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the mutual aid agreement as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion, with possible action, acceptance of Deputy Chief Koback's letter of resignation

The Commission acknowledged Deputy Chief Koback's retirement resignation and thanked him for his more than 31 years of service to the community.

Discussion, with possible action, Fire Chief's request to fill a vacant entry level firefighter/paramedic

Chief Barnes reported to the Commission that Mayor Wescott approved the filling of a vacant firefighter/paramedic position at the Fire Department.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- **Monthly statistical reports were reviewed.**
 - **Operational and capital budgets were reviewed.**
 - **National Fire Prevention week was October 5th through 11th 2003. Students from community schools were eligible to participate in a poster coloring contest. The winners have been selected. Each winner will be picked up at their school on Monday, October 27th by a fire truck, taken to the Headquarters Fire Station and will have a pizza lunch with on-duty members of the Stevens Point Fire Department.**
 - **Effective November 1st, 2003 Lead Paramedic Fred Pings is voluntarily dropping his lead paramedic status.**
- Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the Fire Chief's report for September, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion Carried.

Closed Session (5:17 p.m.)

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

- a. discussion, with possible action, on the police chief recruitment process posting
- b. discussion, with possible action, Fire Department personnel issue

Commissioner Boylan, yes
Commissioner Judy, yes
Commissioner Meyer, yes
Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Open Session (6:30 p.m.)

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

Commissioner Boylan, yes
Commissioner Judy, yes
Commissioner Meyer, yes
Commissioner Taylor, yes

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reverse the order on payment of the 72 hours of compensatory time to signal that payment will be made to Deputy Chief Koback.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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