

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
Stevens Point Police Department
933 Michigan Avenue**

1. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Carlson, Moore, Ostrowski and Wescott
Commissioner Kirschling, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Skibba, Assistant Chief Zenner, Assistant Chief Gemza, Assistant Chief Moody, Lt. Bob Kussow, Alderperson Kneebone, Chi Yang
Brandi - SP Metro Wire; Joe - Stevens point City Times

2. **President's Report**

- President Wescott asked the commission to continue review of the PFC Administrative Procedures.
- President Wescott distributed a joint press release from Portage County and the City of Stevens Point regarding a proposed tentative property exchange agreement which would address current and future facility needs.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. **Confirmation of Bills**

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the confirmation of the February 2019 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Officer Stormy Gerndt to regular police officer status**

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve Officer Stormy Gerndt to regular police officer status upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. **Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report**

Significant Events:

- 10368 Highway 49 - Alban with Tower 2 for a specialty unit upon request
- Metro Fire calls (5)

- Structure fires (0)
- Vehicle fires (0)
- Brush, grass, wildland fires (0)
- Cooking fire contained (1)
- Overheated cooking (0)
- Other fires (4)
- Rescue (2)
- EMS assist calls (42)
- False alarm responses (23)
- Hazardous materials responses (2)
- Other responses (16)
- Total fire losses (\$65,000)
- Total Property saved (\$569,000)
- Total responses (96)
- Training: TIMS training, Vehicle Extrication training on the Genesis Ram, High-rise Ops/Pressure Extinguisher training, NFIRS report writing, Air bag and stabilization training. Total training hours: 26
- Fire inspections: Certificate of occupancy (0), Fire Alarm inspections (0), general fire inspection (107), General/liquor license inspection (33), Re-inspection (4), Sprinkler system (2), tent inspection (0). Total inspections: 146
- Public Activities: Pacelli Early Childhood, UWSP STEAM Workshop. Number of attendees: 94

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the Fire Chief's Report for February 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Police Chief's Report

Notes of Interest:

- 2018 Annual Report published
- Investigation Bureau assisted the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation and Marathon County Sheriff's Office on a case resulting in two arrests and approximately 250 grams of meth.
- Follow-up warrant to overdose death, arrest of felon in possession of weapon (1 AR, 1 AK and 2 handguns)
- Overdose death investigation due to huffing
- 3 weapon involved incidents (3 gun related, 1 knife related)
- 63 mental health related incidents (9 emergency detentions, 1 knife related)

Projects:

- Capital: Building update (plan submitted for state approval); evidence processing (fume hood, protects officers during narcotics testing); traffic safety (radar units).
- Training: Rescue Task Force meeting for upcoming training at UWSP in June. Forensic computer training, Lt. Williams secured funding for training (\$4,200)

Presentations:

- Listening session: Drug Addiction presentation followed by panel discussion at UWSP
- Safety Presentation at Trinity Lutheran Church
- PD sponsored "Activity Night" at the YMCA for Safety Cadets
- "Read Around the World" to 3rd grade class
- Internet Safety presentation at Life Skill Center, SPASH
- St. Paul Lutheran School Career Day
- AODA Coalition on Meth and its effects on the community

Staffing:

- Assignments:
 - Rank re-assignment: Sergeant to Lieutenant, Corporal to Sergeant
 - Vacancy: Adult School Crossing Guard

Activity /Events:

February:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- 2nd - 3rd. Model Railroad show
- 16th, SPASH winter formal

March:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- 2nd - Point Bock Run
- 2nd - UWSP Hockey Playoff

Auxiliary Unit:

- 15 events, 212 volunteer hours in 2019

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to accept the Police Chief's Report for February 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. **Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4: 35 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) [deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session] for an update on EMS ambulance contract negotiations and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (c) [considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee of which the governmental body has jurisdiction of exercises responsibility] for a Police Officer applicant interview .**

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. **Reconvene into open session for possible action**

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to reconvene into open session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to extend a conditional offer of employment to Chi Yang upon the successful completion of all hiring protocols and testing.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.