

10/20/15 MEETING MINUTES

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

PFC MEMBERS:

Tom Bare, Mary Schilder, Michael Wellner, Paul Blashka

LATE: Matthew Sauer (4:35pm)

1. Meeting called to order by T. Bare at 4:30pm.
2. No public input
3. Motion by Tom Bare, seconded by P. Blashka to approve 9/8/15 Meeting Minutes as written.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. Fire Chief's monthly update include the following:
 - September, 2015 monthly report for review. Fire Chief Blaser stated he changed the format a bit. The fire prevention statistics for violations numbers are not correct for September. Most violations are due to people not following fire codes. A resolution was also passed by the council to hire 5 additional fire fighters to give a full line staff of 51.
 - Fire Department Building Inspection: A newly formed Life Safety & Neighborhood Services Division in collaboration with Nick Sparacio from Community Development. These would be civilian positions under the direction of Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Kadow. This will allow both departments identify problems in neighborhoods and to help educate people and enforce the rules that are already in place. All permits would continue to be done by building inspection.
 - Fire Department reorganization report: A new org-chart was presented by Chief Blaser. The org-chart reflected the addition of four civilian employees under the supervision of D/C Kadow in the Division of Life Safety & Neighborhood Services. It also provides the change of increasing Lieutenant positions instead of Captain promotions for the position of Company Officer.
5. Police Chief's monthly update included the following: Downward trends on the September incidents, ordinances and adult criminal charges. The incidents that require an officer to report have gone up. There is less time for officers to do reports due to a lot of vacancies throughout the year. The trend is continuing. Hoping it will reverse towards the end of the year. There are more warnings than citations.
 - The council approved the K9 foundation fundraiser dollars for investment. This assures the longevity of the K9 program.
 - COPS Grant: Nick Reimer reported 3 years ago police federal grant paid the wages for 3 officers. At this time 1 officer had terminated due to injury and 2 officers will be up the end of this year. Taking the grant money from the officer that terminated and transferring to another officer that was hired to replace.
6. Closed session as authorized by Section 19.85(1) (c) of Wisconsin Statutes. Discussion and possible action on Police Officer Eligibility List.
 - The motion to convene in closed session at 4:55pm was made by P. Blashka and seconded by M. Wellner.
 - The motion to reconvene in open session at 5:05pm was made by M. Schilder and seconded by P. Blashka
7. Approval from all committee members to hire applicant Dylan D. Hammel
8. Next committee scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 4:30pm
9. T. Bare made a motion to adjourn at 5:08pm-all in favor