



City of West Allis
Meeting Minutes
Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, May 16, 2019

6:00 PM

West Allis Police Department
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Heron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Amy Heron, Mark Manthei, Aaron Konkol, Danielle Romain and Kurt Kopplin

Also Present: Chief Mason Pooler, Lieutenant Jesse Schwark - Fire Department; Chief Pat Mitchell, Deputy Chief Bob Fletcher, Deputy Chief Chris Botsch - Police Department; Bridget Morawetz, Recording Secretary

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 18, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Manthei and seconded by Commissioner Konkol to approve the April 18, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin

No: 0

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Operations Division Report

Chief Pooler stated that Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) service calls are no longer included in the EMS run data collection which would account for the decrease in to-date EMS runs results.

Chief Pooler noted the increase in false alarms compared to April 2018 data. He stated that requirements of new sprinkler systems and/or fire alarm systems in new construction and major renovations are a contributing factor. Chief Pooler stated that currently the City does not charge for false alarm calls, but may be something to investigate in the near future.

Chief Pooler stated that the house fire included in AC Scharfenberg's report was contained to the ceiling area and further investigation confirmed that bad electrical wiring was the main cause of incident.

Chief Pooler then reviewed performance benchmarks as necessary.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

2. EMS Bureau Report

Chief Pooler briefly reviewed a call that concerned a patient whose living arrangements and health issues were in need of serious attention. He stated that after evaluation, members of the MIH bureau were contacted and along with Lt. Randy Abbrederis, have been helpful to work with this patient directly to assist with the patient's needs accordingly.

Chief Pooler then reviewed a number of the performance measures contained within Captain Kersten's report.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

3. National Q Dispatch Performance Report

Chief Pooler stated that both the fire and police are pleased with the continued improvement by dispatch regarding call processing. Chief Pooler noted that even the National Q Coordinator/Reviewer recognized the improvement as indicated on the report.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

4. Training Bureau Report

Chief Pooler stated that all of the department's current probationary firefighters continue to progress accordingly thru the joint fire training academy. He informed the Commissioners that Wauwatosa Fire Department recently let go two of their probationary firefighter candidates as did North Shore Fire Department.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

5. Communication and Request for Approval: Firefighter Recruitment Process

Chief Pooler stated that both Wauwatosa and North Shore Fire Departments have indicated that they will run a recruitment process this fall and as part of the joint recruitment process, West Allis is requesting to participate as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve this recruitment request as presented by Chief Pooler.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin
No: 0

6. Community Risk Reduction/Support Services Division Report

Chief Pooler stated that, in conjunction with Aurora Medical, WAFD was selected to be part of a steering committee coalition to help create and implement best practices in an effort to reduce the number of people adversely affected by falls.

Chief Pooler reviewed and briefly discussed a number of the performance measures included in the report.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

7. Fire Prevention Bureau Report

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

8. Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Bureau Report

Chief Pooler stated that after a patient was referred to the MIH Bureau for follow-up care, there was evidence of elder abuse taking place within the home. Chief Pooler stated that appropriate authorities were notified and after several follow-ups and conversations with the patient, the patient was removed from that living environment and placed in a senior living facility. Chief Pooler stated that the patient's family has not been to visit and the patient's health has shown improvement.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

9. Fire Department Financial Report

Chief Pooler did not highlight or discuss any items on the financial report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

10. Sick, Injured and Light Duty Report

Chief Pooler did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

11. Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Chief Pooler did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

12. Communication: Resignation of Assistant Chief

Chief Pooler stated that Assistant Chief Kurt Zellmann submitted his resignation effective May 3, 2019. He stated that Kurt has accepted a position as Deputy Chief at the Mequon Fire Department.

13. Communication: Resignation of Captain

Chief Pooler stated that Captain David Bandomir resigned from the department effective May 11, 2019.

14. Request for Approval: Promotion to Lieutenant

Chief Pooler requested the approval of Firefighter Zeke Dombrowski to the rank of Lieutenant. Chief Pooler stated that FF Dombrowski is a Chief's pick and noted that he performed well in the Lieutenant's testing process and has proven himself to be a natural leader.

Discussion ensued between Chief Pooler and the Commissioner's regarding the job description of a Lieutenant. Commissioner Konkol noted his concern regarding nepotism within the department and additional discussion regarding this issue ensued. Chief Pooler stated that the department has a nepotism policy in place and are very cognizant of members who might fall within the scope of this policy. Chief Pooler stated that relative to firefighters Zeke and Quinn Dombrowski, their father, Deputy Chief Mark Dombrowski will be retiring at the end of the year and did not participate in the interview processes for either of his sons.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Romain to approve the promotion to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Romain and Kopplin

No: 1, Commissioner Konkol

15. Request for Approval: 2020 Capital Requests

Chief Pooler submitted to the Commissioners the department's 2020 Capital purchase requests. He stated that approval by the Commissioners will open the

door for presentation to the Capital Improvement Committee for prioritization amongst all other City Capital requests. Chief Pooler submitted an overview of these four (4) Capital request items for 2020:

- Purchase of a fire engine;
- Purchase of mechanical CPR devices;
- Purchase of a staff vehicle;
- Purchase of security camera upgrades.

A motion was made by Commissioner Konkol and seconded by Commissioner Romain to approve the 2020 Fire Department Capital Requests as presented by Chief Pooler.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin
No: 0

E. POLICE DEPARTMENT

16. Request for Approval: Capital Budget Request Axon Fleet Cameras

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve this request as presented by Chief Mitchell.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin

No: 0

17. Request for Approval: Capital Budget Request Axon Interview Room Cameras

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve this request as presented by Chief Mitchell.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin

No: 0

18. Request for Approval: Capital Budget Request Electronic Parking System

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve this request as presented by Chief Mitchell.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Konkol, Romain and Kopplin

No: 0

19. Communication: PFC preference to receive WILEAG Accreditation award

Chief Mitchell was pleased to share with the Commissioners that the department received notification of re-accreditation from WILEAG. The Commissioners agreed that a formal presentation of the award should take place at an upcoming Common Council meeting. Chief Mitchell stated that once a date has been confirmed, he will inform the Commissioners.

The Commissioner's congratulated Chief Mitchell and his staff on the achievement.

20. Communication: Update on Police Officer Recruitment process

Chief Mitchell stated that after the physical agility testing process as well as peer assessment reviews, the department will be presenting nine (9) Police Officer candidates for PFC interviews on May 28th and 29th.

21. Police Department Financial Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the

report was placed on file.

22. Monthly Performance Report

Chief Mitchell stated that the department is hosting a 10-week School of Police Staff and Command course offered by Northwestern University. He stated that Deputy Chief Botsch is attending as well as a department Lieutenant and two department Sergeants.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

23. Patrol Activity Report

Chief Mitchell stated that officer's immediate access to Narcan and AED capabilities have continued to be a good investment for the department. Chief Mitchell stated that in responding to a recent OD incident, Officer Schnieder was able to deliver a life-saving dose of Narcan to an individual prior to paramedic arrival on scene. He noted that this individual most likely would have died without early intervention.

Chief Mitchell recognized Officer Aric Behnke for his astute observation and technique in the apprehension of two individuals suspected and later confirmed to be the robbers of the CVS store located on Greenfield Avenue in West Allis.

24. Communications Activity Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

25. Community Services Bureau Report

Chief Mitchell recognized Wish Coordinator and Victim Advocate Holly Stevens for her continued work and dedication to helping victims of domestic violence. He stated that Holly was instrumental in the eventual arrest of a domestic violence suspect who has been charged with DV in both the City of West Allis as well as the City of Milwaukee.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

26. Criminal Investigations Unit Activity Report

Chief Mitchell reviewed an investigation involving threats made against law enforcement via social media outlets. Chief Mitchell stated that the suspect, who was a veteran, was arrested and referred to the Veterans Treatment Court. He noted that the court instituted appropriate guidelines and stipulations to be followed by the suspect. Chief Mitchell stated that if the suspect does not comply as required, formal charges would be filed accordingly.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

27. Tavern Violation Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

28. Training Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight or discuss any items in this report.

The Commissioners did not have any additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

29. PFC Financial Report

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

30. Election of Police & Fire Commission Board Positions

On a motion made and seconded, Kurt Kopplin was nominated and accepted the position of President of the Police & Fire Commission Board.

On a motion made and seconded, Mark Manthei was nominated and accepted the position of Vice President of the Police & Fire Commission Board.

On a motion made and seconded, Danielle Romain was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary of the Police & Fire Commission Board.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.



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