

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

April 20, 2021

12:00 noon

Present: Mr. Whitrock, Mr. Giese, Mr. Flagel and Mr. Groeschel

Others: Mr. Davies, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Ault, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Fox, Mr. Voss, Mr. Cisewski

1. Mr. Whitrock called the meeting to order and all member were noted present with the exception of Mr. Schlutter, who was excused.
2. Mr. Giese motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no one present to address the Commission.
4. The Commission members had no questions on the correspondence.
5. Upon motion by Mr. Giese, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel, the Police and Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.
6. Mr. Deaver reports the Fire Department has been busy with a lot of burning complaint and a couple of structure fires, garages. The numbers are also going up for EMS and Metro calls. Mr. Deaver informed the members the on-line training will now be slowly transitioning back to in-person training with taking precautions. Also they are in the process of re-doing the Fire Department website, which will have a lot of updates. The department is working with the DNR on a zone map book, to include aerial and topical photos to assist finding areas in a disaster. Mr. Deaver also wanted to thank McCain's for their donation of CO2 monitors.

Mr. Ault informed the Commission members, K9 Bill will be retiring later than they were previously told. He will retire in October due to staffing issues. Officer Paul Rink is retiring and April 29th will be his last day in the department. The department also received a letter of resignation from Officer Tanner Gruber, with his last day being April 30th. Mr. Ault stated he included a letter from a citizen because of the public attitude change, becoming more aggressive and defiant towards police officers. The letter describes the situation our officers responded to and how they acted in a completely professional manner without showing anger or temper. Mr. Ault stated he is very proud of the officers and department on how compassionate they are in de-escalating incidents, which continue to go up. Mr. Ault informed the members the Police

Department uses Lexipol for policies to be compliant with Federal guidelines and is proud of the fact that officers do daily training bulletin. Capt. Fox did a brief presentation on the Use of Force and Tasers for the Police Department. Capt. Fox is a DAAT, Taser and Spear instructor and holds his credentials highly for the training of officers. Scenario training is done yearly and everyday officer do a Taser test at the start of their shift. Placement of Taser is opposite of the gun side. Use of repetitiveness and the use of muscle memory are used in training.

Mr. Whitrock stated he appreciated the proactive education and training for our officers.

Upon motion by Mr. Flagel, duly seconded by Mr. Giese, the Police and Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fire and Police Chiefs reports as presented.

7. Mr. Giese motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel and approved a roll call vote, the Police and Fire Commission adjourned into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Upon motion by Mr. Flagel, duly seconded by Mr. Giese and unanimously approved the meeting was reconvened into open session.

There was no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chris Knippel, Police & Fire Commission Secretary