

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2024

Attendance: Tim Boldt, Jason Thompson, Nathan Manwiller, Will LeSuer, Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Chief of Police Doug McKinley; Absent-Vikki Peterson, Council Liaison Kathy Kopp

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Boldt
- The meeting minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Thompson, 2nd by LeSuer).
- Citizen Comments and Observations: Kevin Reed spoke for 5 minutes 38 seconds and he stopped speaking with Chief McKinley told him he had exceeded his five minutes. Mr. Reed voiced concerns about intimidation and abuse of power by the Platteville PD. Mr. Reed was upset that police supervisors allowed officers to perform a welfare check on him in December 2023 and he felt the officers’ inquiries during the welfare check were overly personal. Mr. Reed also presented Chief McKinley with an open records request for records pertaining to his contacts in December 2023 with the Platteville Police Department.

Fire Department Update:

Membership Update

- Our roster is currently 50 volunteers and we have 3 individuals who are proceeding through our onboarding process.

Reports of Significant Service Calls

- The fire department responded to 19 incidents in March. FD response summary for March is as follows:

Fires	3
Vehicle Crashes.....	2
Gas Odor/CO Alarms	6
Alarm System Activation	6
EMS Lift Assist	0
Other.....	2

Information Updates

- Fire Station Project Update – The Design Development has reached the 60% mark which is a point where the design is 60% complete. Kraemer Brothers will be doing a update to the cost estimate which we should have in mid-May.

The Peterson property land acquisition is still in process. The City’s legal console has been moving through the process and working with the Peterson’s lawyers. We anticipate having the property deed and rights by the end of July.

The timeline and details for asbestos removal and demolition of the existing properties is being developed with the demolition planned for later this year yet. The City has authorized EMC who performed the report to identify what needs to be removed to move forward with developing an RFP for the asbestos removal contract.

The fire station design team continues to work with Delta 3 to coordinate the street reconstruction projects happening on W. Adams, N. Court, and W. Lewis streets.

The capital campaign has received approximately \$800,000 towards their goal of \$1.5M. There are several verbal commitments from potential donors that have not been counted yet as either a pledge form or donation must be received to be included in the total collected.

- Annual Testing – Firefighters have been performing annual testing of the hose that is on each of the engines. We test approximately 15,000 ft. of fire hose each year to ensure there are no issues with the hose and it passes the pressure requirements. This takes 6-weeks to complete.

Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

- Nothing at this time.
- Police Department Update:
 - The PD will be hosting its annual open house on Wed., 5/15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - The annual Stuff the Cruiser food drive will be held on Wed., 5/22 from 3-7 p.m. at Piggly Wiggly
 - The PD has an accepted offer of employment from an applicant to fill an existing part-time Telecommunicator vacancy
 - Officer Coree Lee recently completed Vehicle Contacts Instructor training
 - The PD assisted with traffic direction for high school prom photos at Katie's Garden; officers provided security at Derby Days, there was a free band which played in City Park, and another year of Farmer's Market activities kicked off recently, in addition to an ATV/UTV trail ride through the city on 5/4.
 - The UW-P spring graduation will take place on 5/11
 - Officer Jeremy Tyler attended and successfully completed Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. This will assist him with evaluating impaired drivers and determining what drugs are present. Jeremy will be a resource for our officers and other officers in SW Wisconsin. Jeremy will be one of only two DRE's in SW Wisconsin. The training was 4 weeks and it included multiple written exams and a 10-hour essay exam along with field assessments of impaired individuals.
- The Commission went into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, the Commission discussed and selected the interview questions for the upcoming Lieutenant promotion process. The Commission went into closed session at 5:47 pm on a unanimous vote (motion by LeSuer, 2nd by Manwiller) and the motion allowed Chief McKinley to stay for the closed session.
- The Commission returned to open session at 6:02 pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm (motion by Manwiller, 2nd by LeSuer)

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKinley
Chief of Police