



City of West Allis

7332 W. National Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

Meeting Minutes

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners

*Commissioner Joseph Kempen, President,
Commissioner Kevin Haass, Vice-President,
Commissioner Wayne Clark, Secretary
Commissioners Harold Mester, Donald Nehmer*

Thursday, October 18, 2012

6:00 PM

West Allis Fire Administration

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Joseph Kempen, Wayne Clark, Kevin Haass, Harold Mester and Don Nehmer

Also Present: Chief Steven Hook, AC Steve Bane, BC Chris Reinke Captain Mike Bailey, FI Mark Sura – Fire Department; Chief Michael Jungbluth, Deputy Chief Charles Padgett – Police Department; Dan Roadt – 4th District Alderman, Marty Weigel; 2nd District Alderman; Paul Ziehler, Chief Administrative Officer – City of West Allis; Jill Sorenson – Private Citizen

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Haass, seconded by Commissioner Mester and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 15, 2012 Special Meeting and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. 1st Shift Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the 1st Shift Activity Report prepared by Captain Robert Navarrette

Chief Jungbluth stated that in early September, Officers Webster, Beier and Gyurina responded to Grace Christian Academy School in reference to a bomb threat. The Officers escorted the staff from the building and conducted a search of the building. After investigating, Chief Jungbluth stated that the incident was revealed as a hoax.

Chief Jungbluth noted that the dayshift officers met with Hale High School Liaison Officer Sgt. Martin and participated in a walk-thru of the school. The Officers were briefed on the school layout and daily operations of the school environment in order to be better prepared should an emergency situation arise.

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

2. 2nd Shift Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the 2nd Shift Activity Report prepared by Captain Brian Mason and Lieutenant Jeff Nohelty

Chief Jungbluth stated that one of the tools available within the Phoenix System is that it can hold business information such as web addresses, and the police department can access web based camera systems from the Phoenix program. Chief Jungbluth stated that local businesses that have web-based security cameras and if the allowed access, the department would be able to view, in real time, what is happening in the business. Chief Jungbluth stated that 2nd shift officers are in the process of contacting business owners to discuss this initiative.

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

3. 3rd Shift Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the 3rd Shift Activity Report prepared by Captain Ron Versnik and Lieutenant Anthony Spath

Chief Jungbluth stated that the 3rd Shift Patrol welcomed new officer trainee Megan Rosa, who is currently undergoing the field training program.

Chief Jungbluth stated that the third shift patrol imitative for September was focusing on alley parking violations. Chief Jungbluth stated that approximately 200 placards informing owners of parking violations were placed on vehicles that were parked illegally in alleys. Additionally, Officers checked to see if car doors were unlocked and if so, they wrote on the placard a reminder to lock their car doors to prevent theft.

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

4. Crime Prevention Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Crime Prevention Activity Report prepared by Lieutenant Chad Evenson

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

5. Sensitive Crimes Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Sensitive Crimes Activity Report prepared by Lieutenant Ed Benish

Chief Jungbluth stated that Detectives Don Krueger and Stacie Napoli registered four (4) new sex offenders in the City of West Allis during the month of September.

Chief Jungbluth recognized Detective Napoli for her recent investigative work with a major child pornography investigation which resulted in the arrest of one individual who was in possession of numerous files of child pornography. Chief Jungbluth stated that this was a cooperative effort between the West Allis Police Department, SCU division and the Division of Criminal Investigations.

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

6. Criminal Investigations Unit Activity Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Criminal Investigation Unit Activity Report prepared by Captain Christopher Botsch

Chief Jungbluth recognized Detective Todd Kurtz for his work regarding the theft of Caterpillar Skid Steers around the Milwaukee area. Detective Kurtz interviewed the suspect numerous times over a 2-month period and eventually the suspect admitted to stealing and selling the skid steers on Craigslist. Chief Jungbluth stated that the suspect has been charged with three (3) counts of felony theft.

Chief Jungbluth also recognized Detective Eric Sturino, who along with Detective Kurtz interviewed and secured confessions of 2 individuals suspected of stealing copper piping and other valuable scrap metal from numerous foreclosed homes in West Allis. The suspects were eventually charged with 4 counts of burglary-PTAC.

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

7. Crime Analysis Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Crime Analysis Report prepared by Crime Analyst Chrisie Hunter as well as the corresponding police bulletins

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

8. Crime Data Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the January-September 2012 Crime Data Report

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

9. Neighborhood Partnership Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Neighborhood Partnership Report

Chief Jungbluth stated that he has received favorable comments from citizens regarding this neighborhood partnership initiative and that Rick Balistreri and Mark Bykowski have been instrumental in making this program a success. Chief Jungbluth stated that this initiative has been added to the budget for the 2013 budget season and he is confident that the program will continue to be an effective tool of communication between the citizens of West Allis and the police department.

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

10. Traffic Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Traffic Report prepared by Lieutenant Brian Saftig

Chief Jungbluth stated that the department continues to focus on a number of initiatives:

- Alcohol Enforcement
- Seat Belt Enforcement
- Speed Enforcement

Chief Jungbluth stated that during the month of September, Officers arrested 40 individuals for Operating While Under the Influence.

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

11. Special Investigations Unit – 3rd Quarter Report

Chief Jungbluth stated that during the third quarter of 2012, the Special Investigations Unit initiated three significant investigations resulting in the arrests of numerous drug traffickers, one of whom for reckless homicide. The SIU worked in conjunction with several other law enforcement agencies in the investigation of these suspected drug traffickers in West Allis and surrounding areas. Additionally Chief Jungbluth noted a total of nine (9) search warrants and four (4) buy/bust operations were conducted during this time period and the SIU received 23 new drug tips and reviewed 119 drug arrests by the patrol division.

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

12. Financial Report

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Financial Report

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

13. Sick and Injured Report – September

Chief Jungbluth submitted the Sick & Injured Report

Chief Jungbluth indicated that he was concerned about the number noted for short term sick and he noted that it seemed unusually high. Chief Jungbluth stated he would report at the next PFC meeting a revised sick & injured report if necessary. Chief Jungbluth did state that the FML number is accurate as a number of officers have recently been on FML either on maternal or paternal leave.

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

14. Discussion: Recognition of WI-Certified Public Manager Graduates

Chief Jungbluth congratulated Deputy Chief Bob Fletcher and Detective Ann Phillippi from the DEA Office on their completion of the Certified Public Manager program. Chief Jungbluth noted that this is a nationally-accredited professional development program for public managers. He noted that the program consists of three phases of instruction and classes totaling 300 instruction hours.

15. Discussion: Update on Police Officer Recruitment

Chief Jungbluth stated that he had received 99 applications for the position of Police Officer and of those, 59 were invited to go thru the physical test and of those, 44 advanced to the assessment portion of the recruitment process. Chief Jungbluth stated that he is expecting to

bring in 20 applicants to be interviewed by the Commissioners and noted that these interviews have the possibility to begin in early November. Chief Jungbluth stated that he would be in contact with the Commissioners to finalize dates for the interviews as soon as possible.

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

16. Other related items

No other items discussed.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT

17. Firefighting Activity Report

Chief Hook submitted the Firefighting Activity Report prepared by AC Gary Streicher as well as the corresponding area maps

Chief Hook stated that the first fire incident noted on this report happened at Quad Graphics. He stated that emergency travel to the facility was impeded by construction on Hwy 100, however, upon arrival, assessment of and response to the fire was quick as the fire was in a large paper shredder and hopper area; a very dusty environment. Chief Hook stated that there was a working sprinkler system within the area that the fire took place and it was activated appropriately. Chief Hook stated there was not downtime for the Quad employees as they transferred their work to a different shredder and continued working.

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

18. Fire Department Financial Report

Chief Hook submitted the Financial Report

Chief Hook stated that the budget continues to stay within the expected constraints. Chief Hook informed the Commissioners that the Stryker Medical Power-Pro Cots and Stair –Pro Chairs, which had been approved for purchase at the September meeting, had been ordered and delivery is expected with 2-4 weeks.

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

19. Training Activity Report

Chief Hook submitted the Training Activity Report prepared by AC Peter Rohde

Chief Hook stated that the main activity for September was Milwaukee County EMS paramedic refresher. Chief Hook stated that this refresher is the first in a new online delivery method using WebEx. He stated that this online delivery program allows paramedic personnel to attend the required refresher course while at work, thus saving the department in overtime expenses.

Chief Hook stated that four firefighter recruits started their training with Lt. Scharfenberg on October 1, 2012. The new recruits are: Nicholas Draeger, Steven Dufek, Matthew Schmitz and Ian Wolfe.

20. Fire Prevention Activity Report

Chief Hook submitted the Fire Prevention Activity Report prepared by AC Martin King

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

21. Emergency Medical Services Activity Report

Chief Hook submitted the Emergency Medical Services Activity Report prepared by AC Steve Bane

Chief Hook noted that 86.5% of the alarms responded to in the month of September were request for Emergency Medical Services.

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

22. Emergency Medical Services Revenue Report

Chief Hook submitted the Emergency Medical Services Revenue Report prepared by AC Steve Bane

Chief Hook stated that EMS revenue continues to run ahead of the anticipated, budgeted revenue. Currently he stated the budget is approximately \$105,000 ahead of the anticipated collection amount.

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

23. Sick and Injured Report

Chief Hook submitted the Sick & Injured Report

Chief Hook stated that the sick & injured numbers continue to decline and he anticipates no significant changes thru the end of the year.

24. Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Chief Hook submitted the Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Chief Hook stated that the Fire Administrative Staff continue to strive to meet the goals and objectives of their individual Master Plan section. Chief Hook stated that all divisions are expecting to meet their final objectives by the end of the year. Chief Hook stated that meeting these Master Plan objectives now and going forward are crucial as we move into next year due to the upcoming accreditation process in July of 2013.

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

25. Other related items

Chief Hook informed the Commissioners that the paramedic contract is still in negotiation and he has committed to attend all of the ICC meetings to stay abreast of the continuing process. Chief Hook stated that the council is working to extend the contract to a multi-year contact vs. a yearly contact.

Chief Hook stated that the city is considering the possibility of instituting an Accident Crash Fee, which would seek reimbursement of Fire Department services at accidents.

F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

26. Appointment of Acting Interim Chief of Police

Commissioner Kempen stated that based on the interview process conducted with Deputy Chief Charles Padgett, along with his solid police background and years of service with the department, the Commissioners will move forward with the appointment of Deputy Chief Charles Padgett to Interim Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mester and seconded by Commissioner Haass to approve the appointment of Deputy Chief Charles Padgett to Interim Chief of Police.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Vote: Aye: 5, Commissioners Kempen, Clark, Haass, Mester and Nehmer
 No: 0

Commissioner Kempen stated that the appointment of Deputy Chief Padgett to Acting Interim Police Chief will be effective on Saturday, November 17, 2012.

Commissioner Kempen stated that Chief Jungbluth’s official last office day will be Friday, November 16, 2012. Commissioner Kempen further stated that Chief Jungbluth will be using well-earned and accumulated compensatory time off thru December 31, 2012 and Chief Jungbluth will be available as a resource to Deputy Chief Padgett and the rest of the department thru that time period.

G. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session Business

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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