



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
Commissioner Donald Nehmer*

Thursday, August 22, 2013

7:45 PM

West Allis Fire Administration

REGULAR MEETING

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

**NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 6:45 PM TO 7:45 PM AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS
FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kempen called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Joseph Kempen, Wayne Clark and Kevin Haass

Excused: Commissioner Don Nehmer

Also Present: Interim Fire Chief Gary Streicher, Assistant Chief Steve Bane, Assistant Chief Martin King, Acting Assistant Chief Jay Scharfenberg and Local 1004 Vice President Mark Sure – Fire Department; Chief Charles Padgett, Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher, Captain Ron Versnik and Crime Analyst Chrisie Hunter – Police Department; Amy Heron, private citizen; Bridget Kennedy, Recording Secretary

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Haass and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as well as the July 15, July 23, July 29, and July 30, 2013 Special Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. 3rd Shift Activity Report

Chief Padgett introduced Captain Ron Versnik to present the 3rd Shift Activity Report

Captain Versnik stated that he received an email from Sergeant Ryan Park of the New Berlin Police Department thanking Officer Timothy Gold for his help on a retail theft investigation that Sergeant Park was investigating. Ct. Versnik stated that the information provided by Officer Gold to Sgt. Park resulted in the eventual capture and arrest of the suspect.

Ct. Versnik stated that the City's website has a feature that allows citizens to enter service request to be followed up by West Allis Police Officers. The requests are divided into five (5) sections throughout the city. Ct. Versnik stated that for the month of July, 3rd shift officers were required to check the service requests for their sections and follow up as necessary on the issues.

Ct. Versnik also shared with the Commissioners some of the significant arrests that took place on 3rd shift during the month of July.

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

2. Crime Analyst Report

Chief Padgett introduced Crime Analyst Chrisie Hunter to present the Crime Analyst Report

Crime Analyst Hunter reviewed her initiatives for the month of July with the Commissioners and stated that preparation for the 2013 State Fair was a high priority for her area.

Crime Analyst Hunter also shared with the Commissioners the police bulletins to include new bulletins of people currently released to probation into the City of West Allis.

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

3. 1st Shift Activity Report

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

Chiefs Padgett reviewed a number of officer recognitions and significant arrests for 1st shift during the month of July.

Chief Padgett stated that during the month of July, dayshift officers made numerous visits to playgrounds and registered 95 bikes.

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

4. 2nd Shift Activity Report

Chief Padgett submitted the 2nd Shift Activity Report prepared by Captain Christopher Marks

Chief Padgett stated that two initiatives for 2nd shift were:

- Operation Cross County – a nationwide initiative targeting prostitution and interstate human trafficking of children;
- Hope House – a program in conjunction with the Milwaukee Hope House to make contact with homeless individuals and identify resources available to their specific needs.

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

5. Crime Prevention Activity Report

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

Chief Padgett reviewed with the Commissioners the many activities and events that the Crime Prevention Bureau attended and/or participated in during the month of July.

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

6. Sensitive Crimes Activity Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Sensitive Crimes Activity Report prepared by Lieutenant Jessica Johnson

Chief Padgett reviewed a number of significant arrests attributed to the Sensitive Crime Unit Bureau to include bail jumping, child neglect and receiving stolen property.

Chief Padgett also noted that two (2) new sex offenders were registered in West Allis during the month of July.

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

7. Criminal Investigations Unit Activity Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Criminal Investigations Unit Report prepared by Captain Christopher Botsch

Chief Padgett stated that CIB continues to be a very busy division and as of July 30th, there are 219 open cases assigned to the Detective Bureau.

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

8. Traffic Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Traffic Bureau Activity Report prepared by Lieutenant Brian Saftig

Chief Padgett stated that during the month of July, Officers arrested 41 individuals for OWI, with 23 of those arrested were 1st offense and 2 of those arrested were 5th offense.

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

9. Training Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Training Division Report prepared by Captain Barry Waddell and Sergeant David Madden.

Chief Padgett noted three (3) training bureau initiatives and programs:

- Less lethal training
- Training House – research has begun on the feasibility of Police Training House to possibly be constructed behind the police department;
- Non-lethal Training Equipment – proposal submitted for the purchase of a non-lethal training system

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

10. Tavern Violations Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Tavern Violations Report prepared by Lieutenant Jessica Johnson

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

11. Overtime Comparison

Chief Padgett submitted the Overtime Comparison report

Chief Padgett noted that overall, OT was down 1.6 hours from last year. However, he noted that CRU OT continues to be over due to high profile investigations over the year as well as increased search warrant requests for HIDTA and other taskforces. Chief Padgett stated that funding is provided for these activities, but the OT number continues to be above average.

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

12. Sick & Injured Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Sick & Injured Report prepared by DC Robert Fletcher

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

13. Police Department Financial Report

Chief Padgett submitted the Police Department Financial Report

Chief Padgett stated that he will be participating in a 2014 police budget meeting on Wednesday, August 29th at City Hall.

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

14. Request for Approval: Promotion to Deputy Chief (Ct. Chris Botsch)

Chief Padgett requested the approval to promote Captain Christopher Botsch to the position of Deputy Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Haass to approve promotion as noted above.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Vote: Aye: 3, Commissioners Kempen, Clark and Haass
 No: 0

15. 2013 State Fair Update

Chief Padgett stated that over a million people attended the 2013 Wisconsin State Fair. He noted that West Allis police presence, although strong, was reduced considerably from 2012. Chief Padgett noted that officers were assigned to the State Fair beginning at approximately 8:00 pm to close. He stated that cameras used for surveillance, etc., worked much better this

year and did not go down once throughout the fair. Overall, Chief Padgett stated that fair goers were well behaved and any potential problems were quickly identified and handled.

The Commissioners had no additional comments or questions.

16. Personnel Updates

Chief Padgett stated that currently the department is down 12 officers, however there are 7 officers in training right now and expected to be on regular duty in September. Chief Padgett also stated that the department is currently running a detective process and are accepting applications from all eligible officers. Chief Padgett stated that 2014 will continue to be a transition year for many officers and the department overall.

The Commissioners had no additional comments or questions.

17. Other related items

Chief Padgett submitted statistical comparisons for July 2011, 2012 and 2013 of the following police activities:

- Adult Arrests
- Juvenile Arrests
- Dispositions
- Monies Collected

Chief Padgett also stated the department is getting ready to welcome to West Allis 110th Anniversary of Harley in conjunction with the Milwaukee Rally events. He stated that State Fair Park will be housing visitors in the Tommy Thompson center as well as the RV Park. He also noted that there will be music that Wednesday and Thursday at the Budweiser Pavilion.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT

18. Firefighting Activity Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Firefighting Activity Report as well as the corresponding.

I/FC Streicher reported on two fires during the month of July, one on South 57th street and one on South 59th Street. He also noted that the department responded to a serious industrial setting accident which involved a single male who had fallen approximately 20-30 feet from a construction lift resulting in a head injury and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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

19. Fire Department Financial Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Fire Department Financial Report.

I/FC Streicher noted that the department continues to run under budget except for OT. I/FC Streicher stated that he has a 2014 budget meeting upcoming and will be addressing the OT budget as well and the equipment/repairs budget. I/FC Streicher stated that a goal for the department is to purchase a new engine and a new ambulance in 2015.

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

20. Training Activity Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Training Report prepared by Acting Assistant Chief Jay Scharfenberg

I/FC Streicher stated that the month of July was dedicated to recruit training of PFF's Cody Jarosch, Zach Daveler, Joshua Bobrowitz and Armando Suarez del Real. All four began their employment with the department on July 8th.

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

21. Fire Prevention Activity Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Fire Prevention Activity Report prepared by Assistant Chief Martin King

I/FC Streicher stated that FI Mark Dombrowski has been assigned to 8-hour duty and has been working to catch up on outstanding violations and other fire inspection issues as they arise.

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

22. Emergency Medical Services Activity Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the EMS Activity Report prepared by Assistant Chief Steve Bane as well as the corresponding highlighted calls for July.

I/FC Streicher noted that E2 and M112 responded to a motorcycle vs. car accident that resulted in the 2 motorcycle riders receiving serious injuries, but both are expected to recover. I/FC Streicher stated that neither riders were wearing helmets and the driver of the car was suspected to be under the influence of alcohol.

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

23. Emergency Medical Services Revenue Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the EMS Revenue Report prepared by Assistant Chief Steve Bane

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

24. Sick and Injured Report

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Sick and Injured Report

I/FC Streicher stated that he is expecting the Injured number to increase for August and September as an injury occurred to an Equipment Operator while on a fire scene. I/FC Streicher stated as the EO was maneuvering a hose to a better position, he lost his balance

and the hose fell directly onto his knee resulting in a fractured tibia. I/FC Streicher noted that currently the EO is on light duty and will be assigned duties as appropriate.

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

25. Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted the Master Plan Performance Snapshot

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

26. Communication: Delivery of Zoll X-Series Cardiac Monitors from Milwaukee County

Interim Fire Chief Streicher submitted a communication from Assistant Chief Bane regarding new Zoll X-series heart monitors and Motorola Apex Radios.

I/FC Streicher stated that the four (4) heart monitors and radios were placed in service on July 16th. He stated that all of this equipment was provided by Milwaukee County EMS with capital funding from the Milwaukee County Budget. I/FC Streicher noted that the monitors have several benefits including giving EMS providers information they need to make real-time clinical decisions and help to provide high quality out of hospital care.

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

27. Other related items

Interim Fire Chief Streicher stated that on September 12, 2013 a number of fire departments, including West Allis, will participate in a full scale simulated plane crash exercise that will take place at Mitchell Field airport.

Additionally, I/FC Streicher noted that September 13, 2013 will be first responder day at Miller Park and marks that 40th anniversary of the start of the paramedic program which began in 1973.

F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

28. Request for Approval: Sole Source Contract with Dr. Mike Rip, PhD for the instruction of a course entitled Mindleap

A motion was made by Commissioner Haass and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the sole source contract request as noted above.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Vote: Aye: 3, Commissioners Kempen, Clark and Haass
 No: 0

29. Discussion: IT Update

Chief Padgett stated that he will be including a discussion regarding IT staffing at the police department as part of his budget conversations on Wednesday.

30. Discussion: Residency for Police and Fire Command Staff

Commissioner Kempen shared with the other Commissioners a communication from CAO Paul Ziehler asking for the Commission’s approval and agreement as it relates to the residency provisions to the two Chief’s and four Deputy positions, allowing these six individuals to have more generous boundaries and drive times. CAO Ziehler noted in his communication that the City’s Committee of the Whole is in favor of allowing the more generous rule.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haass and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the residency request as noted above.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Vote: Aye: 3, Commissioners Kempen, Clark and Haass
No: 0

31. Communication: Status update of Police & Fire Commissioner

Commissioner Kempen stated that Harold Mester has moved out of the City of West Allis, and as such, cannot serve on the West Allis Police & Fire Commission board going forward. The board will continue with 4 Commissioners until such time as a new Commissioner is appointed by Mayor Devine.

G. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session business scheduled

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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