

12/09/14 MEETING MINUTES

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

PFC MEMBERS:

Tom Bare, Paul Blashka, Kate Reynolds, Mary Schilder, Michael Wellner

1. Meeting called to order by T. Bare at 4:30pm.
2. M. Schilder made a motion to approve previous minutes dated 11/11/14. Seconded by P. Blashka. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No Public Input.
4. Fire Chief Blaser reported on the following:
 - Monthly Report – November 2014 – spike in holiday blues calls (drug overdoses & suicide attempts) but everything else consistent.
 - Department update
 - Week of Thanksgiving had the lowest call volume since Chief has been here.
 - Union negotiations still in progress.
 - Two DARE graduations this month, saw his 5th grade daughter's today...Kudos to Police Dept, good to start early - wonderful quality of life.
 - Reorganization of MFD
 - Council budget eliminated Battalion Chief level and approved second Deputy Chief (currently only 1 Battalion Chief left)
 - Request for elimination of Battalion Chief and promotion of Karl Koch to Deputy Fire Chief.
M. Schilder made a motion to accept the re-organization as submitted. Seconded by K. Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Police Chief Dick reported on the following:
 - Monthly Report – November 2014 – calls for service looks to be down for year.
 - Department update –
 - K-9 AIK cleared to work
 - Union filed for mediation
 - Volunteer program job descriptions made, possible help thru United Way
 - 14 showed for Patrol Officer testing last Saturday which was at no cost to applicant, Interview panel in December & then observe and PEP test and hoping to bring additions to Eligibility List in January. One dropped out on current Eligibility List due to having paid Health Insurance for Life after retirement where he's currently at. Probably one person hired this year yet and start new year with three openings due to Katzka & Brennan leaving.
 - FVTC tests February and May
 - K-9 fundraiser just shy of \$41,000.00. Applied for grant lady in Texas contacted us about.
 - Deputy Chief promotion process
 - The cost will come out of the PD budget should PFC want to advertise outside of the department.

K. Reynolds made a motion to advertise internally for the Deputy Chief position. Seconded by P. Blashka. Motion carried unanimously.

 - PFC would like Chief and Deputy Chief Job Descriptions forwarded to them.
 - PFC decided if 5 or less candidates for Deputy Chief they would like all of the Letters of Interest/Resumes forwarded to them.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm