

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

March 8, 2016 Minutes

PRESENT:

Tom Bare
Paul Blashka
Michael Wellner
Mary Schilder
Matt Sauer - absent

STAFF:

Todd Blaser-Fire Chief
Nick Reimer – Police Chief

1. Meeting called to order by: Tom Bare at 4:30PM
2. Approval of Minutes from 02-09-16. Mary Schilder made a motion to accept and Paul Blashka seconded. All in favor. Approved as written.
3. Public input: NONE
4. Fire Chief Todd Blaser gave the following monthly update:
 - a. Fire Chief Blaser asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly report. Mary Schilder inquired as to the causes of the recent fires. Discussion was had. Fire Chief Blaser indicated that his department is inquiring with residents within a block canvas of where these fires were located to ensure that other city residents have working smoke detectors as none of these recent fires had working fire detectors. State law requires residents to have working smoke detectors and CO2 detectors in the residence. While doing the canvas in the trailer park, 30 residences within the trailer park did not have working smoke detectors.
5. Wisconsin State Statute Section 62.13 was provided to the PFC members. Fire Chief Blaser also stated that there was an educational training opportunity for PFC members on Friday, Nov. 4th in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Resort. This class would cover the roles and responsibilities of a PFC member and it is a one day session for a cost of \$110 and state rate rooms. This training session is sponsored by the League of Municipalities. It should be noted that both the Police and Fire Chiefs will try to get a budget line created to cover these types of expenses for the future. There is another training opportunity through CVMIC. This is a webinar that would take approx. 1 ½ hours and the webinar would cover PFC Liability. Anyone wishing to watch this webinar at their convenience would have to create a city email address and HR will get you a login to watch the webinar. It was also decided that a PFC -2005 Edition manual through the League of Municipalities should be purchased, at a cost of \$15, for each member. This book would replace the 2002 edition. Discussion was had also on the badges and that they would be ordered for each member.
6. Discussion was had between the members regarding the memo from Mayor Nickels indicating that PFC meetings would have to be taped by July 2016. The Police and Fire Chiefs would like to see a permanent camera dedicated to the PFC meetings to ensure that one is available and all equipment is in working order. PFC members had no concerns with the request as long as all items regarding this new set up were taken care of (such as someone managing the camera, uploading the video to the website, etc.) It should be noted that Tom Bare wanted it recognized the independence of the PFC and anyone is welcome anytime.
7. Police Chief Nick Reimer's monthly update included the following:
 - a. Police Chief Reimer asked if there were any questions concerning February's monthly report.
 - b. He also stated that the Mayor had lifted the winter ban parking as of today due to the lack of snow.
 - c. Mike Wellner asked if the license plate reader (ALPRS) was being used. Police Chief Reimer indicated that the system is located on squad 48 and it goes out every shift in order to collect data. It is good information to have. There are some draw backs to the system as you need to confirm all of the information/hits the system receives.

8. With the promotion of the Det. Sgt. to Captain of Detectives it has left a vacancy for the Det. Sgt. position. The department has received four applications for this position. There will be internal and external interviews. Police Chief Reimer requested to have PFC Commissioner Matt Sauer assist on the panel for the external interview to give him that experience and it was so granted. Police Chief Reimer indicated that he would have an eligibility list ready for April's meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM. Michael Wellner motioned and Mary Schilder seconded. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12th at 4:30PM.