

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 10, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Eckstein, Jenkinson, Marks, and Guden (5). Absent (0). Also present were Chief Plantz, Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Bob Paugels, and Liaison Alderman Lehr.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes for the June 12, 2019 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections, seconded by Jenkinson and carried by voice vote.

EM Director Podoll stated the pump tests were done on three trucks (ladder and 2 engines) and the other engine had been done previously. Motion by Marks to approve the fire department vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

Fire Dept calls: Chief Paugels stated that July was a very slow month.

Fire Dept Maintenance: The aerial and 2 engines have minor repairs to do.

ISO Audit: Paugels stated that the audit done five years ago went well but the goal was to get to a three so some changes were made. Podoll stated that the Fire Dept. made it to Class 3 and were only 3 points away from a class 2 rating. The fire department as a whole gained six points and dispatch gained points along with the water supply system. The new rating helps all insurance ratings for individuals and companies, especially new companies looking to locate to Berlin and will be effective September 1, 2019. The department's training and training tower helped along with inspections and testing. There are only 1500 agencies with a class 3 rating in the nation. The next audit will be in five years.

BFD Meeting attendance policy: Chief Paugels stated that previously if a firefighter were inactive for up to a year they could still come back to the department. There are 24 regular meetings per year and 4 make ups. The policy will require attendance at 12 meetings per year and 4 are mandatory. Must attend 70% of meetings to obtain years of service. Motion by Guden to accept updated BFD meeting attendance policy, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz presented the bill list stating there were a lot of expenses for the new officer, squad seat was replaced and in 2020 there will be an estimated charge of \$1000 for the forensic computer lab. Ford had a catalytic converter recall which we had repaired in the past so will be requesting reimbursement. Leads on line is an annual bill which gives officers pawn shop information on items pawned with person's ID. Motion by Guden to approve the police vouchers for payment, seconded by Jenkinson, Motion carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated there were 288 calls for service for the month and the July 3rd parade and festivities went well with only one fireworks complaint. There were disturbances, domestics, and variety of scams, medical calls, and traffic stops. Officer Andrew Schroeder is doing well on the field training program.

Upcoming activities: Decoy squad is being moved around and there are multiple community events are ongoing.

Chief Plantz letter of retirement: As of July 8th Chief had 34 years of law enforcement experience and has loved the profession, the partnerships with the officers, commissioners, and the community. Every day has seen a different variety of issues. Guden thanked him for all his years of service. Motion by Guden to accept Chief Plantz's letter of retirement, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Old Business – None
New Business: None

Jenkinson motion to go into closed session pursuant to: 1) Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Chief of Police Hiring and New Police Officer Hiring); and 2) Pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, to preliminarily consider specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations (Internal Investigation Matter) (Note that Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(b) does not apply to this closed session); and 3) Pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(d) to consider strategy for crime detection or prevention, and pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Purchasing of fleet vehicles). Eckstein seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Guden moved to seat Ald. Lehr for the closed session discussion. Jenkinson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Discussion continued in closed session.

Jenkinson moved to convene into open session at 8:05 p.m. Eckstein seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Motion by Eckstein, second by Marks to seize the BMW. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Marks to have Lindahl contact the individuals named for Interim Chiefs, second by Eckstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Marks to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., second by Jenkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

*Submitted by Vicki Murphy
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall