

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**December 02, 2020 – 3 PM**

President Justin Lindahl called the meeting to order at 3 pm. Present: Commissioners Ed Marks, Dan Johnson and Justin Lindahl. Absent: Joanne Guden, Chris Jenkinson Also present: Acting Chief Pulvermacher, Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll, Liaison Alderman James Lehr, City Administrator Jodie Olson, Curt Olson and Public appearance: None..

Under approval of minutes, Johnson moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes November 04, 2020 and October 07, 2020. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Justin Lindahl moved to hold on fire department expenses until Gary Podoll was available.

Marks moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Acting Chief Pulvermacher stated that the chart provided to the commission shows that traffic enforcement is up. With enforcement of traffic violations we use caution due to covid-19. There was also a trailer that was stolen and recovered. The case is currently at the District Attorney's office for review for charges.

Under police activity updates, Pulvermacher explained, the shop with a hero is this weekend December 05. It will look very different from past years due to covid. It is being held at the VFW and some officers will be there to put the gifts into the trunks of the car. There will be a new officer starting Monday December 07 his name is Tyler McDowell. With this position being filled we will only be down the Chief spot. James Lehr asked if the theft of the trailer has prompted more patrols for businesses? Pulvermacher stated that it wasn't necessarily on the radar for patrol that evening but it was discovered and the business owner did not report the theft until later when he was able to get to the business. But it has prompted the officers to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Lindahl stated that the visibility of officers is noticed by the public.

Johnson moved to approve the fire department expenses. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Gary Podoll stated that the fire calls are down. There were only eight calls this month which will help with the large expense to the fire truck as noted last month. There has been online training provided for the department and the ones that complete the course will get a certificate and credit for that course.

Marks motioned to seat Chris Jenkinson. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under funeral processions: Pulvermacher stated that he met with both funeral parlors and they knew of the issue. They requested to be able to call to ask for help with getting through traffic at

intersections instead of actual escorts. This would be something that we could help with so long as we have the availability. Marks: So we do not need to take action on this as it is just an accommodation when we can.

Under new business: N/A

Under old business: N/A

At 3:20 p.m. Marks moved to convene into closed session 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 (Chief of Police interviews and possible deliberations) Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Marks moved to seat Jodie Olson, Curt Olson and Jim Lehr for the closed session discussion. Jenkinson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 06, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall