

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 03, 2021 -6:30pm

President Justin Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Ed Marks, Dan Johnson, Joanne Guden, Chris Jenkinson and Justin Lindahl. Absent: None. Also present: Acting Chief Pulvermacher, Fire Chief Paugels, Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll, Liaison Alderman James Lehr, City Administrator Jodie Olson, Berlin Journal Steve Mudrow, and Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Guden moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes February 03, 2021. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Fire Chief Paugels stated that the fire calls had been steady for a week. During that week there were 12-13 calls, which is usually one month's worth. There was a house fire that was able to be extinguished quickly even with the very cold temperatures. There are no maintenance issues at this time. This past Monday training started to take place in person, and that seems to be going well.

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 last month's calls. The chart shows that traffic contacts were down but domestic calls were up. This could have been due to the extreme cold weather and that people were staying indoors more.

Under police activity updates, Pulvermacher explained, there were a number of trainings that happened last month. Some of those trainings were ARIDE and CPR training. All of the training thus far has been either virtual or in person and they have all gone well. Most of the department is fully vaccinated but we will continue to wear masks and follow Covid protocol. There is a potential new hire for a patrolman position and that is in the final stages. Officer McDowell is now off FTO and is doing very well. The policy and procedures are still being updated. The total done so far is about 2/3. The new squad car should be delivered tomorrow, March 04. There is still a significant wait time to get the squad car outfitted. There is a hope to have the new squad by Memorial Day. There has been a little schedule shuffling with the newest officers on duty. They are switching from nights to days for a couple weeks. This will provide them the opportunity to see what differences happen with other shifts and know what to do in those circumstances. This will be a good opportunity for the new staff to learn and be well rounded.

Under new business: N/A

Under old business: N/A

At 6:45 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 (1) Chief of Police hiring update and contract review; 2) Patrolman Smith Resignation; 3) Employee Evaluation of Brian Pulvermacher) Guden seconded the motion. Roll call vote resulted in four (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (0) absent. Motion carried.

Marks motioned to seat Jim Lehr and Jodie Olson for all closed session discussion items and Brian Pulvermacher for item #2. Jenkinson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Pulvermacher left the closed session at 6:55 p.m.

Johnson moved to reconvene into open session at 7:25 p.m. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Guden moved to appoint Jeffery Engel as Chief of Police effective March 8, 2021 and approve the employment contract and authorize the appropriate signature. Marks seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Marks moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 07, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall