

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 01, 2021 -6:30pm

President Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Dan Johnson, Ed Marks, Joanne Guden, Curt Olson, Chad Martin. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Engel, Fire Chief Paugels, Emergency manager Gary Podoll, Fire fighters: Aaron Dollevoet, Andrew Wallner, Ron Gehrke, Tom Jensen, LT. Tim Bending, Captain Chad Hahn, Assistant Chief John Schrader, Liaison Alderman James Lehr, City Administrator Jodie Olson, Berlin Journal Paul Wiegel, and Public appearance: None.

Fire Chief Paugels presented service pins to 11 Firefighters for years of service.

Under approval of minutes, Olson moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of August 04, 2021. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Fire Chief Paugels stated that there were only 7 fire calls last month. Paugels stated that there are no maintenance issues. Paugels stated that training for new drivers has started. The driver operator course will go until November and is held every Tuesday. All of those who do not need that course are doing online training. Paugels stated there are no upcoming events.

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

Police Chief Engel stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows that there was an increase in traffic enforcement and crashes went up. There were also six drug related arrests.

Under police activity updates, Chief Engel explained, three officers had received intro courses in rifle training. The training provided them more insight into handling the rifles, and the officers stated they feel more comfortable with them. Sgt Strahan has completed one course of three in leadership training. The next sections of this course will take place in the upcoming months. One officer did evidence base interview training, and that went well. The open position within the department is currently under pending status. There were two individuals that were interviewed with one being a good fit. This current candidate is also in a hiring process for Oshkosh PD. Most of the officers did a walkthrough of the schools to re-familiarize them with the layout in case of emergency. There is still no ammo from the past purchases. Officer Plath will be off probation within the upcoming week.

Under new business: None.

Under old business: None.

At 6:50 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 performance evaluation) Guden seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Marks moved to seat Council Liaison Jim Lehr and City Administrator Jodie Olson for the closed session discussion. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Guden moved to reconvene into open session at 8:00 p.m. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session discussion.

Olson moved to adjourn. Marks seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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