



## **POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

*Port Washington Police Dept. Community Room, 365 N. Wisconsin Street*

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1. Roll call, Present Richard Nelson, Terry Tietyen, Jennifer Clearwater, James Bieber, and Ed. Johnson. Also present Fire Chief Mark Mitchell, Police Chief Kevin Hingiss, Alderman Dan Benning, Kris Halbig-Ziehm Ozaukee Press. Meeting called to order 6:55 P.M.
2. Public Appearances, Comments, and Correspondence: None
3. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting by T. Tietyen, seconded by J. Bieber. Chair Nelson requests addition to Roll Call person adding Ozaukee Press Reporter Mitch Maersch's name. No objection by T. Tietyen or J. Bieber. Motion amended and passed. Minutes of 08/10/2020 corrected.

### **AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. Reviewed- August 2020 Ambulance Invoices.
2. Reviewed - 2020 Ambulance Budget through 08/31/2020
3. Reviewed- August 2020 Ambulance calls, both Transports and Non-Transports.
4. Reviewed - August 2020 Paramedic Intercepts.
5. No other business

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Reviewed - August 2020 Fire Invoices.
2. Reviewed - 2020 Fire Budget through 08/31/2020.
3. Reviewed - August 2020 Fire calls.
4. No other business

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Review of bills –
2. Review budget through August 2020 Reviewed and discussed.
3. Review of Municipal Court statement– July 2020 Reviewed and discussed.
4. Calls for Service – August 2020. Reviewed and discussed
5. Discussion and action on recommendation to purchase Axon Body Cameras, and request Police and Fire Commission to urge City Common Council approval of this purchase. Discussion: The current cameras worn by officers are at the end of their useful life and support for repair is limited. Chief Hingiss recommends the purchase of 10 (ten) new cameras from Axon, cost of the original purchase is \$27,000 which includes cloud storage, new cameras in 2 1/2 years and a second new set 2 1/2 years later, and an on-site team for the original installation and training. Each additional year, for a 5(five) contract is \$10,000. Full five-year cost approximately \$67000. Features include constant background recording so when a camera is activated the prior 20 seconds are recorded, camera activated if gun is removed from its holster and/or the taser is removed from holster. If another officer is within 20 (twenty) feet those cameras are automatically engaged with the 20 second feature. Motion by T. Tietyen second by J. Clearwater to request council to immediately approve the purchase. Discussion by commission. Consensus in discussion that the commission recommend the purchase of 19 cameras one for each sworn

- officer, excluding the Chief. Chair recommends T. Tietyen and J. Clearwater modify their motion. T. Tietyen modifies his motion with permission of J. Clearwater to request Chief Hingiss research the cost of increasing the request from 10 (ten) cameras to 19 (nineteen), and the commission recommend to the city common council to authorize the purchase of 19 cameras and the five year contract for storage and support. J. Clearwater seconds motion. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
6. Update on new squad purchase, Chief Hingiss has been notified that the squad is ready for delivery and will be scheduling installation of police equipment. Other departments also have taken delivery of their new units which will slow installation.
  7. Training update: Implicit Bias (Concordia University WI) all officers, Conflict Communication Skills 9 (nine) officers by Waukesha County Technical College and/or Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Emerging Issues & Strategies for Law Enforcement Stress Management 17 (seventeen) officers.
  8. Side letter of agreement with officers' union, includes modifications to salary and benefits for new hire officers to attract qualified candidates.
  9. Update on promotion process for Lieutenants positions, Process in motion with selection possibly by end of November 2020.
  10. Closed Session: Motion by T. Tietyen to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisc. Statute 19.85 (1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problem 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 dates, or involved in such problems or investigations. Second by E. Johnson. Roll call vote all members vote aye motion carried commission convenes in closed session.
  11. Reconvene in open session to take action, if any, related to closed session. Motion by T. Tietyen, second by E. Johnson to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote all member vote aye, motion carried. No action on closed session.
  12. No other business

Adjournment Motion by J. Biever second by J. Clearwater to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Terry Tietyen, Secretary