



**Police, Fire and EMS Commission**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**West County EMS Fire Training Center**

**MINUTES**

Members Present and Absent:

Chair: Alderman Tiffany Frautschi

Ward 1 Members

Martin Willman (P)

Don Sanders (A)

Ward 2 Members

Donald Larson (P)

Susan Crandall (P)

Ward 3 Members

Allen Allred (A)

Kelly Kyriakos (A)

Ward 4 Members

Ron Jaudes (P)

James Conrad (P)

At-Large

Dave Gordan (A)

Fritz Wiesehan (P)

Others Present

Acting Police Chief Bob Arthur

Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler

Fire Marshall Dave Phipps

Lt. John Flanagan

Sgt. Danny Wilkey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Alderman Frautschi.

**Old Business**

- A. A motion was introduced by Alderman Frautschi to approve the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wiesehan and unanimously approved.

## **New Business**

### A. Chair Report

- The Chairman announced that effective immediately following the meeting she would no longer chair the committee, as she had been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Committee.
- The Chairman announced Alderman Butler had been appointed to chair the Police, Fire and EMS Committee.
- It was noted that the present meeting would be the final meeting for member Allen Allred, and the Chairman recognized Mr. Allred for his dedication and service (Unfortunately, Mr. Allred was away on business and was unable to attend).
- The Chairman introduced West County Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler, who provided a brief overview of the new West County Fire and EMS Training Center.
- All members and others present were taken on a tour of the facility by Kelly Cobb, Executive Director of the Safety House Foundation.

### B. Police Chief's Report

- Captain Arthur ensured that all members had received quarterly statistics, and he inquired about any questions, comments or concerns pertaining to the information. There was no further discussion.
- Captain Arthur announced all police officers had received new Tasers and equipment. He additionally informed those present that all officers had received the required in-service recertification training.
- Captain Arthur acknowledged Sgt. Moore and Sgt. Wilkey for the expedient manner in which the Taser training was conducted, and he further expressed gratitude to the committee for its support of the Taser initiative.
- Captain Arthur provided an update for the testing and evaluation process for the upcoming purchase of "body cameras". He advised due to external delays, a projected operational date could not be provided at the present time.
- Captain Arthur discussed the need to replace the aging "In-Car" cameras for fleet vehicles and the intention to explore the option of using a vendor independent of the "body camera" vendor.
- Captain Arthur advised multiple surrounding police departments had deployed "body cameras", and he anticipated this to be the standard in the future.
- Captain Arthur announced that Mr. Eric Diaz and Mr. Geoffrey Roland had been formally offered and accepted employment with the police department. He further advised each officer would be beginning the field training process within the month.

- Captain Arthur expressed his appreciation of Lt. Flanagan and Det. Sgt. Walker for the expedient completion of the hiring process.
- Captain Arthur and alderman Frautschi presented certificates of promotion to the following police officers:
  - Fred Yaakub (Sergeant)
  - Steve Doll (Corporal)
  - Ronnie Nicoletti (Corporal)
- Captain Arthur recognized Lt. Defoe for his recent graduation from the FBI National Academy and further noted he maintained a 4.0 GPA.

### C. Open Agenda

- Members present discussed the importance of encouraging others not to delay contacting Police, Fire or EMS for any reason. Members further discussed the “Siren GPS” phone application and gave positive comments.
- The Chairman provided an update of the new town square and upcoming attractions. She gave an anticipated ribbon cutting ceremony date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Fire and Ice Festival.
- The Chairman discussed the recent dissolution of the “Better Together” Initiative and advised similar initiatives may be presented in the future.
- The Chairman advised the Chief’s process was ongoing, and the Board of Alderman were expected to vote on the Mayor’s appointment during the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:19 pm