



Police, Fire and EMS Commission

September 19th, 2023 4:30 PM

1011 Municipal Center Drive

MINUTES

Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Commission Chairman Fritz Wiesehan.

Roll call (conducted by Captain DeFoe):

Chair

Alderman Fritz Wiesehan (P)

Ward 1 Members

Don Sanders (A)

Ward 4 Members

Ron Jaudes (P)

James Conrad (P)

Ward 2 Members

Susan Crandall (P)

Pete Eggebrecht (P)

At-Large

Dave Gordon (A)

George Roman (P)

Ward 3 Members

Kelly Kyriakos (A)

Dan Schoenekase (P)

Others Present

West County EMS & Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler

Capt. Mike DeFoe

Lt. Danny Wilkey

City Administrator Bob Shelton

Old Business

- A motion for approval of the March 21st, 2023, meeting minutes was introduced and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman Wiesehan yielded the floor to City Administrator Bob Shelton.

- Mr. Shelton advised the commission that the selection process for Town and Country Chief of Police had begun. He went on to state several well-qualified internal and external candidates had applied.
- Mr. Shelton answered questions regarding the selection process, stating there would be multiple rounds of interviews followed by final approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- Mr. Shelton answered questions regarding the Police, Fire and EMS Commission's role in supporting the city and fire district. He advised ordinance provided specific details, but the role of the commission in general was to provide suggestion, guidance, and support.

New Business

A. Chair report

- Chairman Wiesehan advised an outdoor seating permit for Blacksmith Grove was currently under consideration by the Board of Aldermen.
- Chairman Wiesehan advised the Planning and Zoning Commission was reviewing plans for a Starbucks to be built on the vacant lot on the corner of Clayton Road and Ballas Road.

B. Fire Chief's Report

- Chief Sadtler advised renovations of House #2 have been completed.
- Chief Sadtler advised the ambulance on order scheduled to be deployed at the Town and Country Fire House #3 had been delayed, and he did not expect to have the apparatus delivered until 2024. He further stated that prices have increased by 18%. He further stated the delay would not affect service.
- Chief Sadtler advised a ladder truck had been deployed to house #3, and it would be replaced with a larger ladder truck in 2024.
- Chief Sadtler answered questions regarding the occurrences of electric vehicle (EV) fires. He advised they were increasing in frequency. Chief Sadtler went on to state these types of fires burned very hot and required high levels of water to extinguish.
- Mr. Shelton answered questions regarding the financial impact/insurance claim over the rebuilding of the gazebo at Drace Park.

C. Police Chief's Report

- Captain DeFoe provided a PowerPoint presentation over the Police Department budget preliminary overview over the following subjects:
 - Accreditation
 - Fleet
 - Pay Scale Restructure
 - Women's Locker Room
- Captain DeFoe answered questions regarding how pay increases were decided upon, stating percentages between step and rank were utilized.

Open Agenda

No discussion or comments.

Chairman Wiesehan advised the next meeting will be November 17th, 2023.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. The motion passed unanimously.