

BEAVER DAM POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

These are the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting of the Beaver Dam Police and Fire Commission. In attendance were Jeff Kohman, Nancy Conley, John Oathout, and Shirley Poch with Casey Carney absent. Also in attendance were Deputy Fire Chief Matt Christian, Police Chief John Kreuziger, and Lana Fassbender. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. via BlueJeans for video conferencing. Chairman Jeff Kohman presiding.

GENERAL

1. Motion by Oathout to approve the October PFC meeting minutes, with one clarification, the Chamber didn't start the COVID coalition, the city did and the Chamber simply endorsed it, seconded by Conley, all were in favor.
2. Mayor Glewen did not give any comments.
3. Regarding the agenda item about changes to the residency requirement for emergency personnel, since the posting of the agenda, Chairman Kohman received an email from Attorney Zach clarifying his concerns of state policy versus city policy and he has determined it is a mute issue with no further discussion or action necessary.

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4. Fire Department community activities for November were reviewed noted that most, if not all, were done via social media due to COVID. Oathout feels the FD Facebook page is well posted and would like to see the Fire Department become regulars on the Community Comment show on WBEV. Moved to files.
5. Deputy Chief Christian updated the commission on the operations of the Fire Department:
 - The department will most likely participating in administering vaccinations for Dodge County. Clerical staff will most likely also be participating with the record keeping portion. There are no known figures of how much it will cost for us to participate
 - Chris Ackley is heading the recruitment team and has a list of applicants with their credentials. There are 25 on the list now with a application deadline of December 10
 - December 19 from 9-1 is the Annual Food Drive. Chief Christian thanked Piggly Wiggly and Recheck's for their generosity of hosting this event each year.

- There was a garage fire on MaryAnn Road in which the sprinkler system saved the building from major damage. The sprinklers had the fire out before the crews arrived on scene. Chief Christian explained how there was a recent revamping of the Fire Prevention Code which is now requiring sprinkler systems on multi-family dwellings of 3 or more units which is contrary to what the former AG Schimel thought it to be.
 - Chief Mannel has visited the Mischler's Harley Davidson building as a possibility of a future north side station location.
6. It was decided to table updating the full-time hiring eligibility list until Dec 15 at a special meeting.

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7. Police Department community activities, most of which were done on Zoom, for November were reviewed and moved to files.
8. Chief Kreuziger updated the commission on the operations of the Police Department:
- Chief explained some budget items
 - i. Vehicle repairs are increasing due to the delay in squads and those needing repairs are not under warranty
 - ii. Shooting range supplies are so high because the new facility stuff is in this category
 - iii. Insurance is unusually high, as pointed out a few months ago, but Zak Bloom has assured him that it will even out at the end of the year
 - Beaver Dam Charities has been very active as can be seen on Facebook.
 - i. One example was how a little girl had her Christmas lights cut and the charities group brought her new lights and a few toys
 - ii. He was invited to go to the IACP conference in New Orleans again but it has been cancelled due to COVID
 - iii. Gave an update on the progress of the shooting range, says it is really starting to take shape
 - iv. More officers have tested positive but there are no wide-spread cases in the department. They work on a case-by case return to work
 - v. The food pantries that are held each month are working well
9. Chief K explained the process they go through when hiring a new officer, a hand out was given to all members for reference.
10. Oathout made a motion to fill an upcoming Patrol Officer vacancy from the eligibility list, seconded by Poch, all were in favor. Kohman is bothered by the money spent on hiring someone who didn't stay very long.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR PLACEMENT OF FUTURE AGENDAS

Special meeting for Chief evaluations are on the way and should be getting done soon. Kohman would like them done by the end of the year but logistics may not allow for it

ADJOURNMENT

Oathout made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm, seconded by Conley, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Fassbender
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