

City of Merrill
Police and Fire Commission
Monday July 29, 2013 at 5:00pm
City Hall – Basement Conference Room
1004 E. Second Street

Call to Order

President Kurt Helmstadter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from April 17, 2013 meeting (Ravn/Holz). Adopted

Police Chief Ken Neff's report

Department is at full staff with no foreseeable retirements or LOA. Chief Neff discussed the creation of a Police Auxiliary staffed with citizen volunteers. These citizen volunteers would:

- Perform traffic control for parades with authorization to write tickets though their primary focus would be maintaining traffic flow.
- Provide security at local events

He also discussed a student police academy at the High School (run similar to the Citizen Academy).

Regarding noise complaints in the area around the NTC training facility, there has been no recent update, but will see more activity as school resumes.

Fire Chief Dave Savone's report

Previous candidate had second test scheduled 7/30/13, but Chief Savone stated he needs full staffing currently and is moving forward with interviews.

New station building project is moving along as expected. Some items were missed in the original design. They will live with some, but there will be some change orders. The inconsistency of the blocks used in the walls will be covered with drywall in the interior at the contractor's expense.

The sudden departure of a department member, having provided 2 weeks notice, was abrupt, but all gear remained and some of the fees associated with his hiring and training will be reimbursed by that former employee.

Public Comment

None.

Convene into closed session

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapters 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c), motion to convene into closed session to conduct Firefighter/Paramedic candidate interviews (Heyel/Ravn). Roll call, motion adopted unanimously.

During closed session the following candidates were interviewed for a scheduled 30 minute period. Each candidate was asked the same questions and each was given the opportunity to ask questions of the Commission. Candidates had also been previously interviewed by members of the Fire Department. The six interviewees, listed alphabetically, included:

- Cruise
- Gomoll
- Peterson
- Stilp
- Watson
- Witucki

Motion made and second to create list of all six candidates (Holz/Ravn).

Reconvene into Open Session

Motion and second (Ravn/Helmstadter)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Heyel/Holz)

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Hayes

Secretary

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