

Police and Fire Commission (April 29th 2014)

A meeting of the Police and Fire Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday April 29th 2014 at 5:04 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. Chairperson Roy George called the meeting to order.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to order/Roll Call - PRESENT – Roy George (Chairperson), Mike Leard, Gary Knickerbocker
ABSENT - Mike McCoy, Kersten Rocksvold CITY STAFF PRESENT – City Administrator Aaron Kramer, Fire Chief Harry Remz, Police Chief Chad Abram ALSO PRESENT – Todd Crotty (WPRE-WQPC)

2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda –
MOTION: Leard SECOND: Knickerbocker VOTE: 3-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the April 3rd 2014 meeting – MOTION: Leard SECOND: Knickerbocker
VOTE: 3-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 1st Quarter Report from the Fire Chief

Remz said the department is having an above-average year in the number of calls, with 37 so far versus the average of 57 per year. He notified the Commission that the Wisconsin Deputy Secretary of Safety and Professional Services will be attending the April 30th meeting of the firefighters. ACTION: To approve the chief's report MOTION: Knickerbocker SECOND: Leard VOTE: 4-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – New application questionnaire for prospective firefighters

A proposed revision of the questionnaire was reviewed. ACTION: To approve the new application questionnaire for prospective firefighters MOTION: Leard SECOND: Knickerbocker VOTE: 3-0

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 1st Quarter Report from the Police Chief

Abram reviewed the report, and discussed several topics in depth – the candy at parade ordinance, the department's meth presentations and public meetings, and the new program for helping to track those with Alzheimers and dementia. ACTION: To approve the police chief's report MOTION: Knickerbocker
SECOND: Leard VOTE: 3-0

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Police Auxiliary

Chairperson George had asked for the Commission to discuss the possibility of creating a Police Auxiliary. Discussion was held on the need and the costs, as well as how the auxiliary would be created and trained and its powers. City Administrator Kramer said nothing would likely be available for funding until the 2015 budget, and that, ultimately, the decision to fund a Police Auxiliary would be up to the Common Council. ACTION: To direct the Police Chief and City Administrator to investigate the creation of a police auxiliary by starting with investigating how other comparably-sized cities have proceeded MOTION: Leard SECOND: Knickerbocker VOTE: 3-0

8. ADJOURN (5:47 PM)

MOTION: Knickerbocker SECOND: Leard VOTE: 3-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer