

CITY OF DELAFIELD POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

J. Wyssling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

John Wyssling
Jan Gerstner
Tom Hennig
Jeff Krickhahn
Ed McAleer

Absent

Brad Stocks

Also Present

Jack Edwards, Fire Chief
Scott Taubel, Police Chief
Tom Kelley
Michele DeYoe, Alderperson
Caley Meals, Reporter-Waukesha Freeman

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

E. MC ALEER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH A CORRECTION BEING MADE TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING – THE DATE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO REFLECT OCTOBER 9, 2007. J. GERSTNER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle DeYoe, 225 Glen Oak Court – She was present representing the citizens of Delafield and members of the Common Council to request an inquiry into the actions of Chief Taubel in regard to the release to the press of a memo dated December 18, 2007 accusing the Chairman of the Plan B Committee of bid rigging. Additionally she questioned the timing of the memo’s release, why the Common Council and City Attorney were not immediately notified, why it was released to a private citizen, who authorized the release, and why the Chief involved himself in a political process after the Plan B Committee disbanded.

J. Wyssling stated that both sides of the question would need to be analyzed and it would then be presented to the Commission.

Tom Kelley, 2218 West Shore Drive – He detailed the circumstances that he recently experienced with one of his income properties. A downtown building that he has owned for 28 years has been vacant since 10/2006. A woman (a wellness doctor) approached him in 5/07 regarding office space available on the second floor

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front of the building, but then changed her mind and wanted the first floor. He did not have a signed lease or down payment, but allowed her occupancy of the premises. Her business plan of operation was approved by the City, but she subsequently vacated the property. On 12/17/07 he received a call from Officer Zarnecki serving him with a citation for theft. From 12/17/07 – 1/15/08 he did not receive the citation but finally received it via US mail on 1/15/08. He has not retained an attorney. At the request of Chief Taubel, Attorney Herro reviewed the citation and it was dismissed. Prior events and police responses that have occurred to him or his properties were reviewed. Although the citation has been thrown out, Chief Taubel did not personally go to the premises to view. T. Kelley stated that there are two sides to every story. He would like the police chief and officers to be fair and look at both sides when it involves two people.

Chief Taubel stated that Officer Zarnecki investigated the situation and issued the citation. Attorney Herro was contacted and suggested that the citation be dismissed, which it was. Because Mr. Kelley allowed occupancy onto the property and granted permission for the individual to paint, it was felt that this situation was more civil in nature. Chief Taubel stated that he very seldom dismisses a citation; this was clearly a civil issue.

T. Kelley thought that someone from the Police Department should have gone over to his building to look at it. He questioned the fairness of the City in the Police Department.

3. REPORTS

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. DEPARTMENTAL STATUS REPORT

The referendum passed and the Fire Department is excited and ready to move forward. The next step will be for the Common Council to take steps for an RFP.

The annual report is still being compiled. Highlights of the report include that call volume increased by 199 calls from 2006 and paramedic calls increased by 161.

2. PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT, COMMISSION APPROVAL

A memo from J. Edwards dated February 18, 2008 was distributed to the Commissioners. The memo explained why the position was created and briefly outlined each of individuals' qualifications and backgrounds.

a. Eric Straus

E. MC ALEER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF ERIC STRAUS TO LIEUTENANT. J. GERSTNER

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SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Bryan Dobratz

J. WYSSLING MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF BRYAN DOBRATZ TO LIEUTENANT. T. HENNIG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Nick Ryan

T. HENNIG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF NICK RYAN TO LIEUTENANT. J. GERSTNER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Nick Heltemes

J. GERSTNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF NICK HELTEMES. E. MC ALEER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. COMMISSION REQUESTS

No requests were presented.

b. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. DEPARTMENTAL STATUS REPORT

The annual report was distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting.

Highlights include:

- Many staff members are continuing their education.
- Jean Borchardt (full-time), Lynn Hughes (full-time), and Sandy Raasch (part-time) are the office personnel within the Police Department.
- The Challenge Coin Award was given during 2007 to Officer Hagane and Officer Burke was awarded the Lifesaving Award. A Challenge Coin Award was also given Town of Summit Police Officer, Brian Wraalstad.
- Specialty Units were reviewed. Forensic work has recently begun with the Sheriff's Department.

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2. PROBATIONARY RELEASE REPORT

Officers Landon Nyren and Steven Schrubbe were hired by the City of Delafield on November 20, 2006. Officer Nyren completed his probation on November 20, 2007. Officer Schrubbe completed his probation on January 15, 2008 (extended due to health issues).

E. MC ALEER MOTIONED TO RELEASE OFFICER LANDON NYREN FROM PROBATIONARY STATUS. T. HENNIG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

J. GERSTNER MOTIONED TO RELEASE OFFICER STEVEN SCHRUBBE FROM PROBATIONARY STATUS. E. MC ALEER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. COMMISSION REQUESTS

E. Mc Aleer requested more police enforcement on Nagawicka Road to ensure that the speed limit was being adhered to. Chief Taube stated that issues on Vettleson Road will also be closely monitored. M. De Yoe stated that much of the speeding took place when parents were driving their children to and from school.

4. NEW BUSINESS

E. Mc Aleer thought that the comments from M. De Yoe should be sent to the City Attorney for his determination as to whether further steps are necessary.

Due to the perception of theft in the case of T. Kelley, E. Mc Aleer stated that both parties should have been contacted. Chief Taubel stated that this was an unusual case and it had been dismissed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

E. MC ALEER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. T. HENNIG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

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